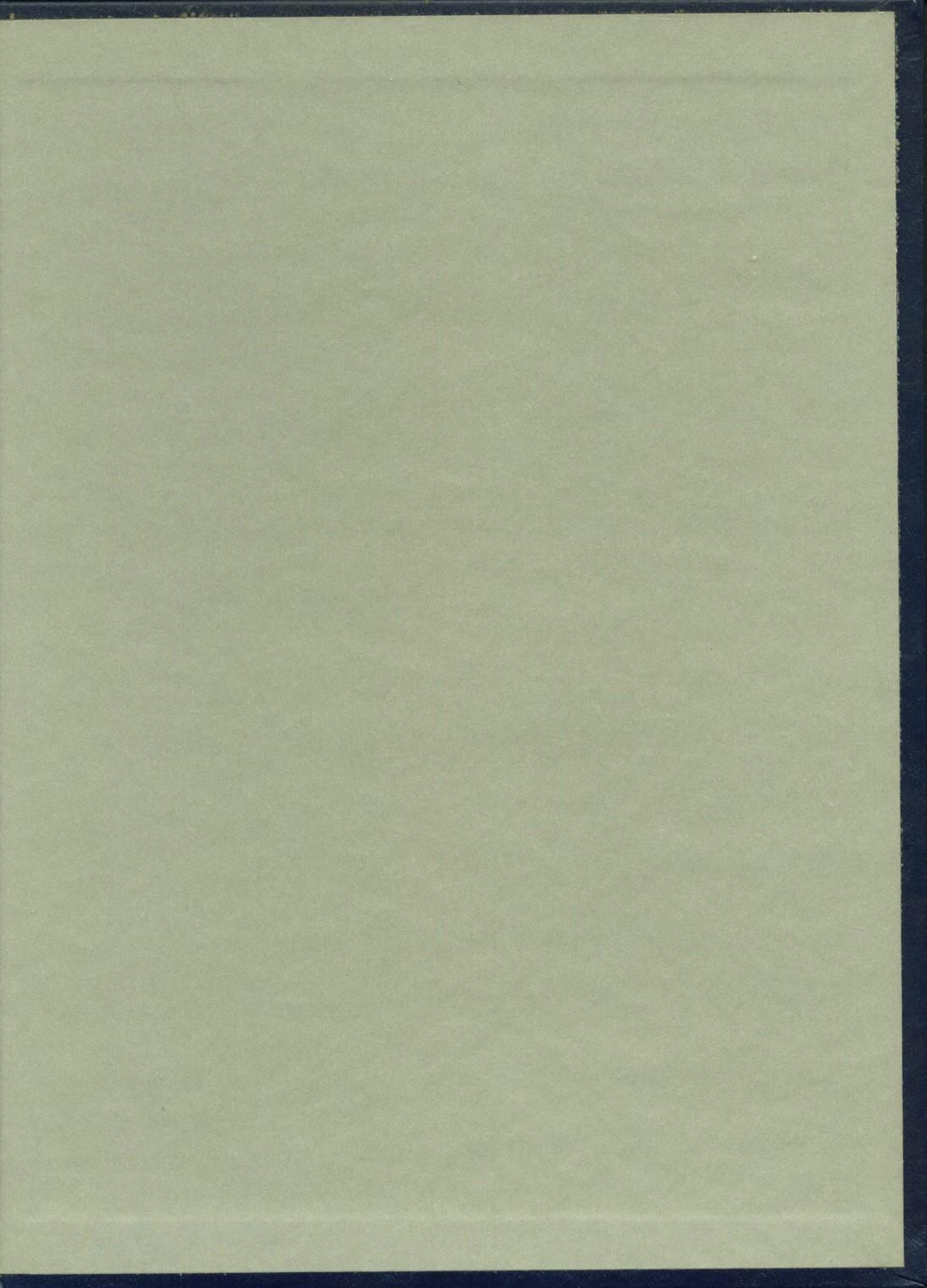




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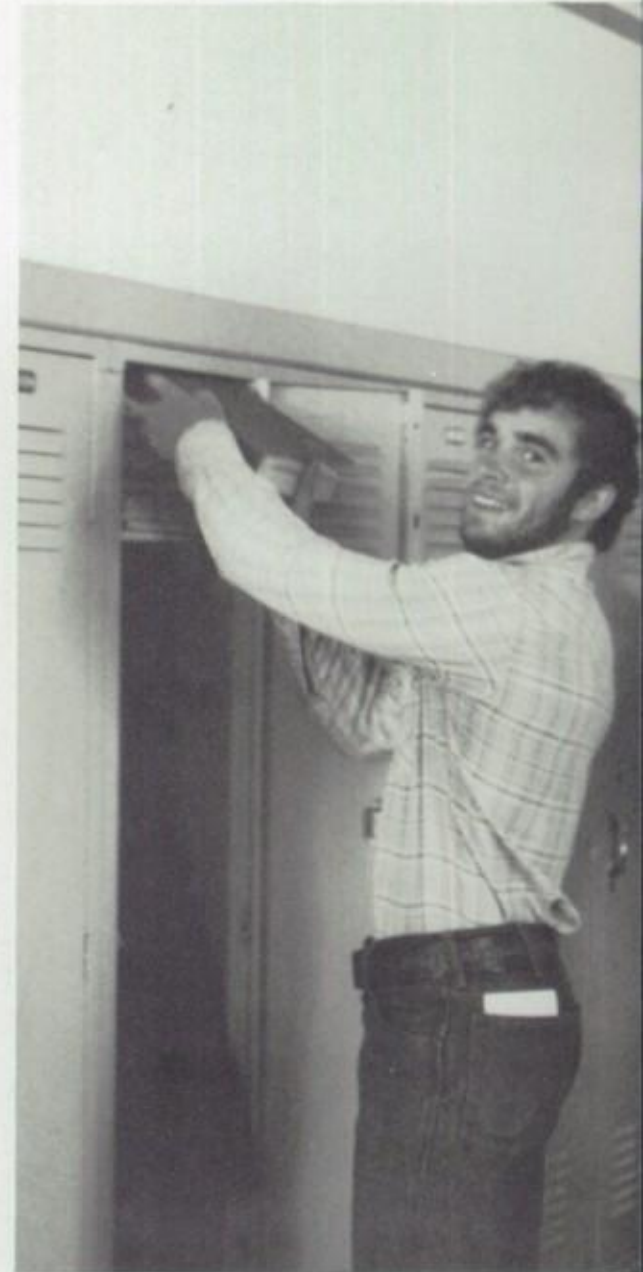
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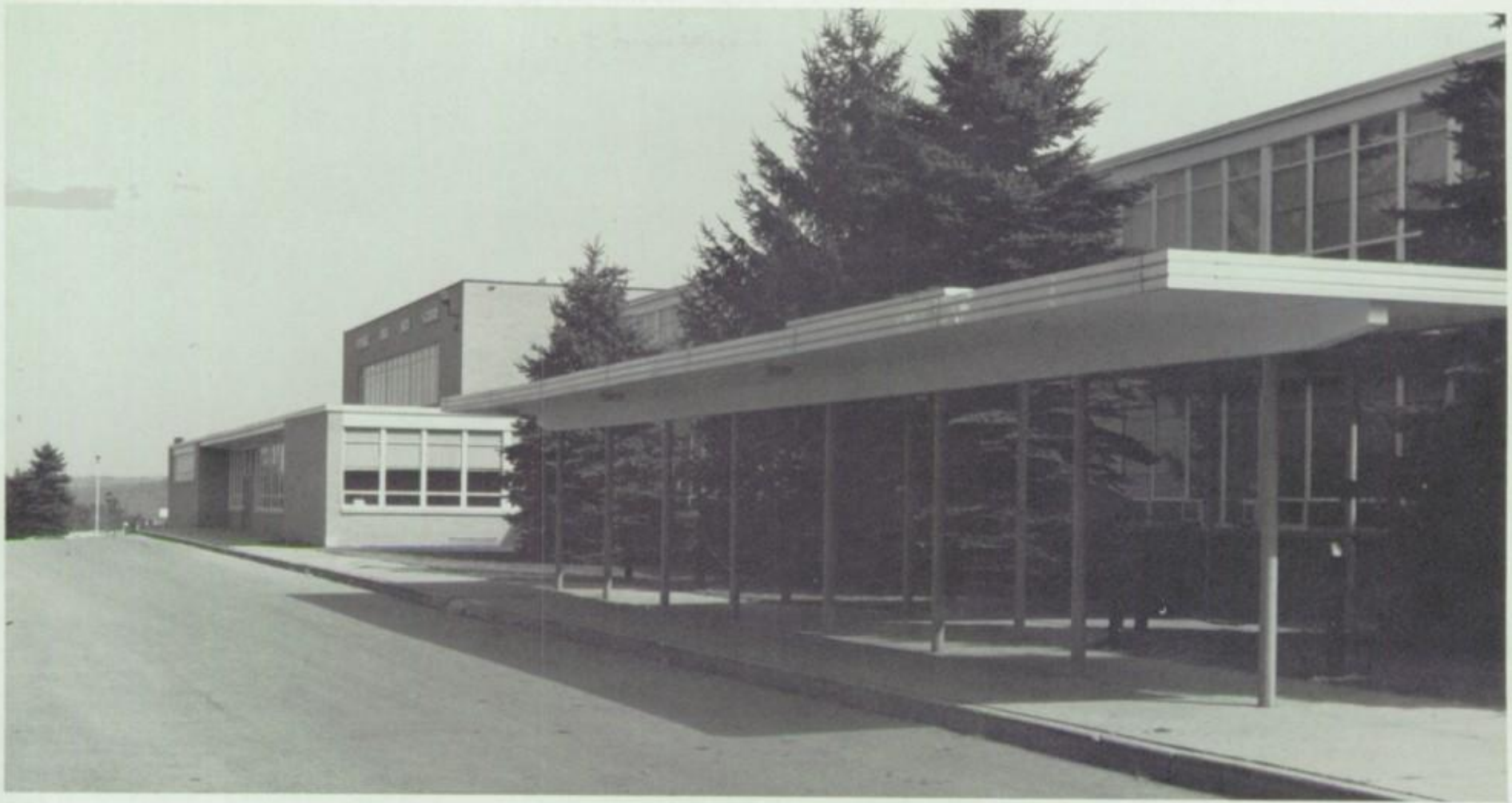
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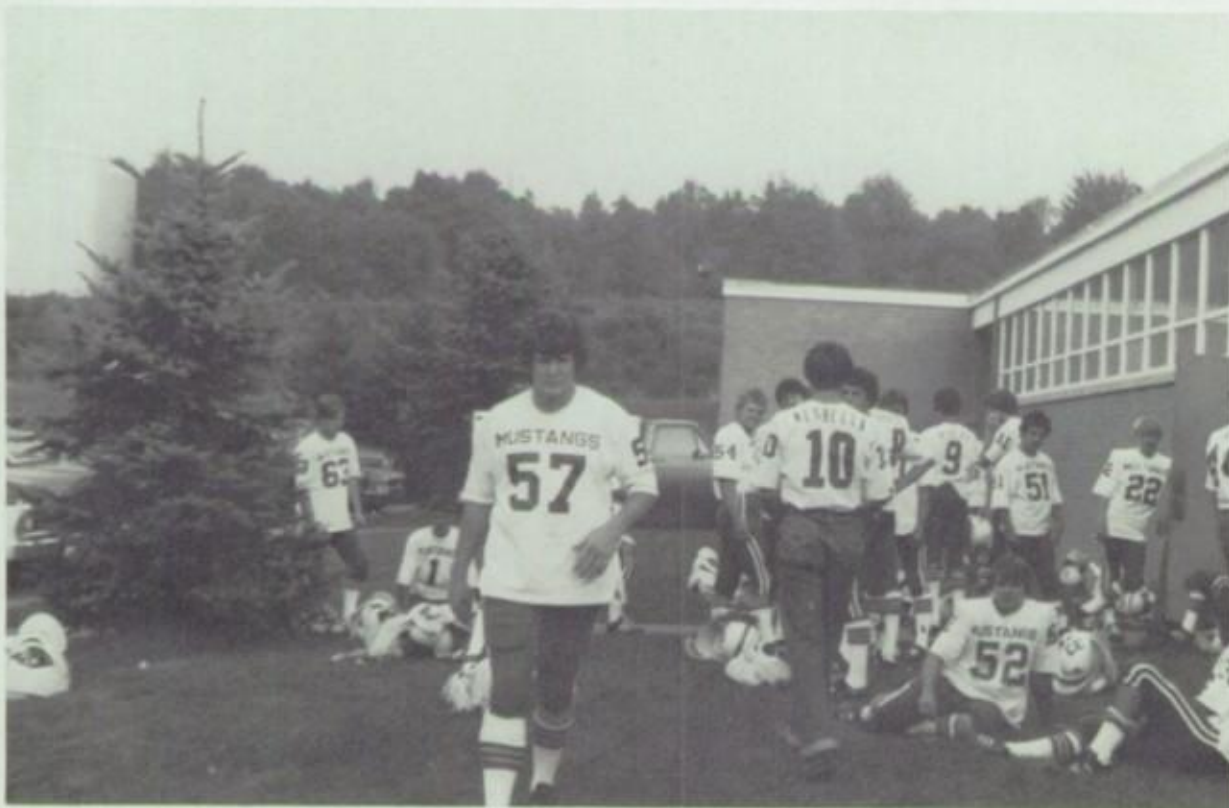


Top: Bob Thompson, sporting his usual charming smile, gets his books from his locker for his morning classes. Right: Elaine Haney and Jane Spaid chat between classes while Eddie Miller puts books into his locker.





Top: Portage Area High School is a calm, sedate building before the students arrive for their classes. Left: Rick Booth looks serious as he and other members of the Mustang Football Team ready themselves for a game.



*Like the twilight in the road up ahead
They don't see just where we're goin'
And all the secrets in the universe
Whisper in our ears and all the years will come and go
And take us up, always up . . .*

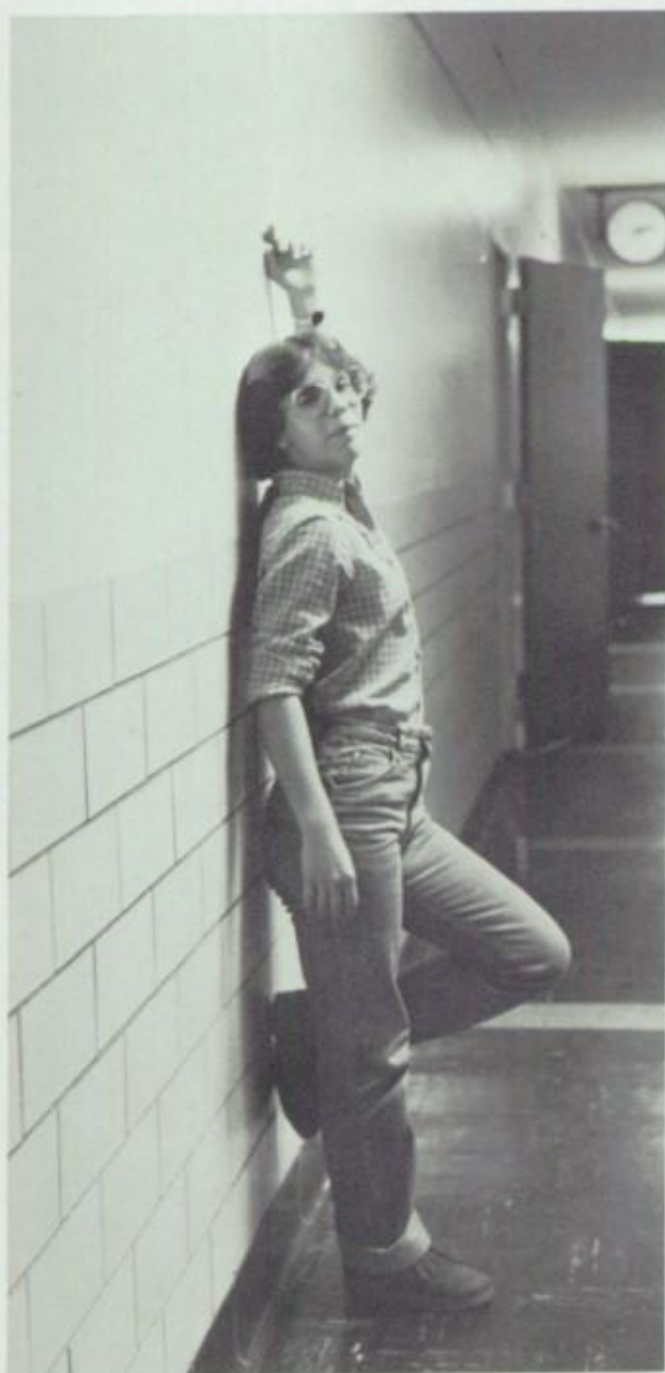
*Like Columbus in the olden days
We must gather all our courage
Sail our ship out on the open sea
Cast away our fears and all the years will come and go
And take us up, always up . . .*

Right: Members of the senior trigonometry class listen attentively to an explanation of a problem. Bottom: Amy Fox, Marcie Knapko, Patty Oklamchak, Kathy Gallaher, Ed Miller, and Chris Stombaugh prove that even a senior can enjoy taking a break from classes by posing on the "Mustang" at the elementary play ground.





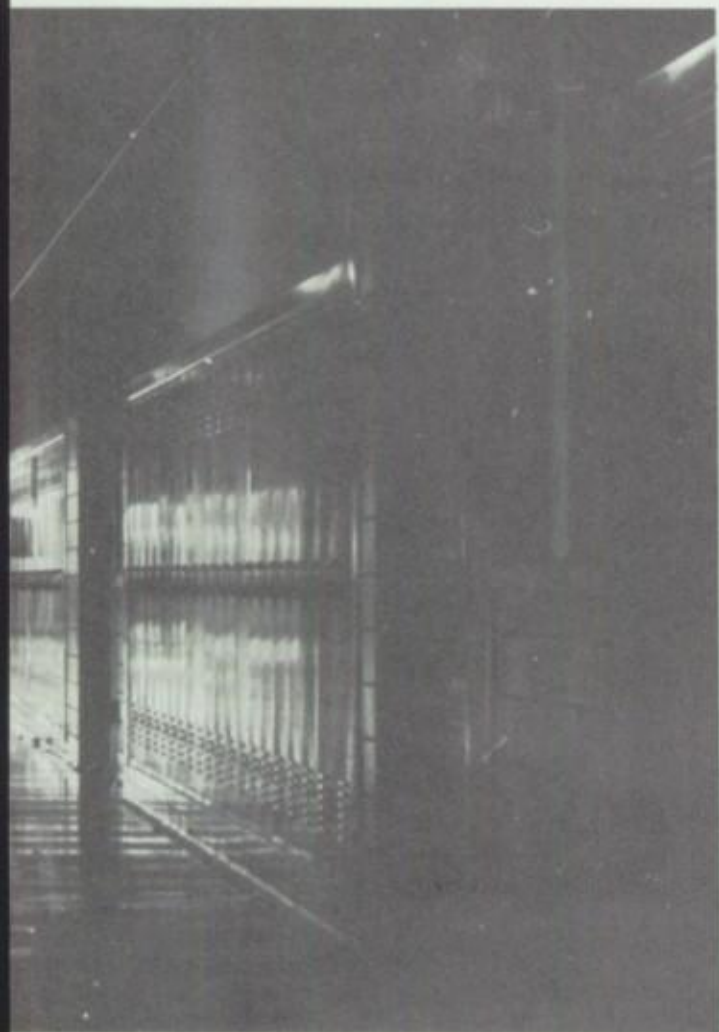
Left: The starting of the bonfire . . . and another fantastic football year opens the 1980 football season. **Bottom left:** Elaine Lucas proves that she would make a terrific model as she "poses" for a picture for the roving yearbook photographer. **Below:** The Varsity Cheerleaders show their excitement as they prepare to cheer during the festivities at the annual bonfire.





Above right: Two students walk to their lockers at the end of another day at P.A.H.S. Bottom right: During the change of classes, the halls fill with the hustle and bustle of students moving to their next class. Right: Laura Tavernini sits quietly in her homeroom before school gets underway. Above: Carl Richardson, Ted Nesbella, and Bob Thompson keep a record of stats during a Mustang football game.





*So I wanna' laugh while the laughin' is easy'
I wanna cry if it makes it worthwhile;
I may never pass this way again;
That's why I want it with you.*



Right: Rick Davis, Dena Vrabel, and Ken Beck take a break from the hectic academic routine to show the yearbook photographer their photogenic qualities. Below: Band members Jackie Penrod, Tammy Feathers, and Michele Koza share a carefree moment during a football game; or maybe they are laughing because Tammy can't see what is going on.





The **Excelsior** Staff has selected the phrase "We shall pass this way but once" as the theme for the 1981 Portage Area High School Yearbook. The staff believes that this phrase is an accurate reflection of the students' high school life, especially the senior year. A student's high school years are a once in a lifetime occurrence. Upon graduation, these people may never again realize the exciting atmosphere which is present when students are playing in the last football game of the season, ordering class rings, or attending the junior-senior prom. These are experiences which are to be cherished but never relived. The 1981 **Excelsior** Staff hopes to capture some of the memories which have made the years at Portage Area unique ones for its students. Even though "We shall pass this way but once," the student body will always have fond memories of their high school years at Portage Area High School.



Above, right: Bernie Gorba "smiles" for a picture, displaying his typical calm appearance. Above: Members of the 1980 Homecoming Court-Kathy DeMatteis, Brenda Smith, Peggy Borlie, the 1979 Queen, Mr. Jerome Yetsko, Peggy's escort, and Kathy Gallaher-exhibit their surprise as Brenda is named the 1980 Homecoming Queen. Left: A typical scene at PAHS is the changing of classes. But where are Bob Tavernini's books?





FACULTY AND CURRICULUM

There are many phases of school life. One of the primary aspects of a student's school years is the time that he spends in an academic, learning situation. It is during the time of classroom instruction that a student forms a unique relationship with the faculty members who are teaching these students. Hopefully, all students take advantage of each class which they take and learn all they can with the teachers' help, patience, and understanding. Upon graduation from high school, a student may never again receive the educational opportunities such as those which were available to him at Portage Area High School.



Far left: "Allow me," graciously offers Mr. Black as he removes Mr. Bernazzoli's lunch tray while Mr. Benko and Mrs. Banks finish their lunch. Left: A visitor is always welcome in room 101 as seen from the friendly hello from Mr. Kittrell and his students. Bottom left: Friday is a busy day for Mr. McCabe as he listens to weekly current events reports. Below: Mr. Pieraccini works during his preparation period to check and record scores of a tenth grade biology test.



Bottom right: Mr. Skomra explains the basic fundamentals of trigonometry to his 7th period class. Right: Mrs. Castel collects another one of her challenging geometry tests. Below: In Mr. Ronan's Algebra I class, he will use any means to get his students to do their homework.



Lorainne Castel



Irene Huschak



William Ronan



Adam Skomra

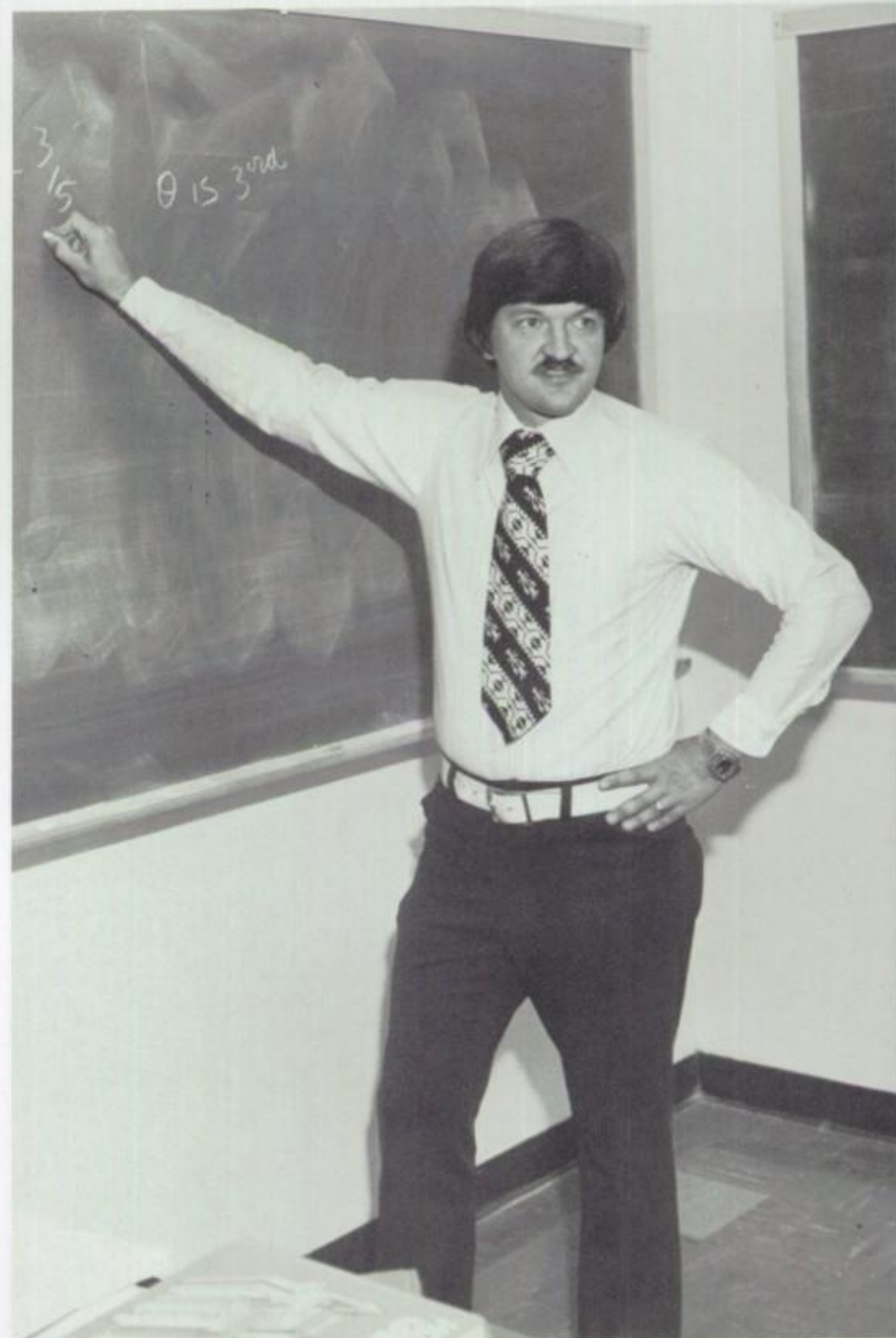


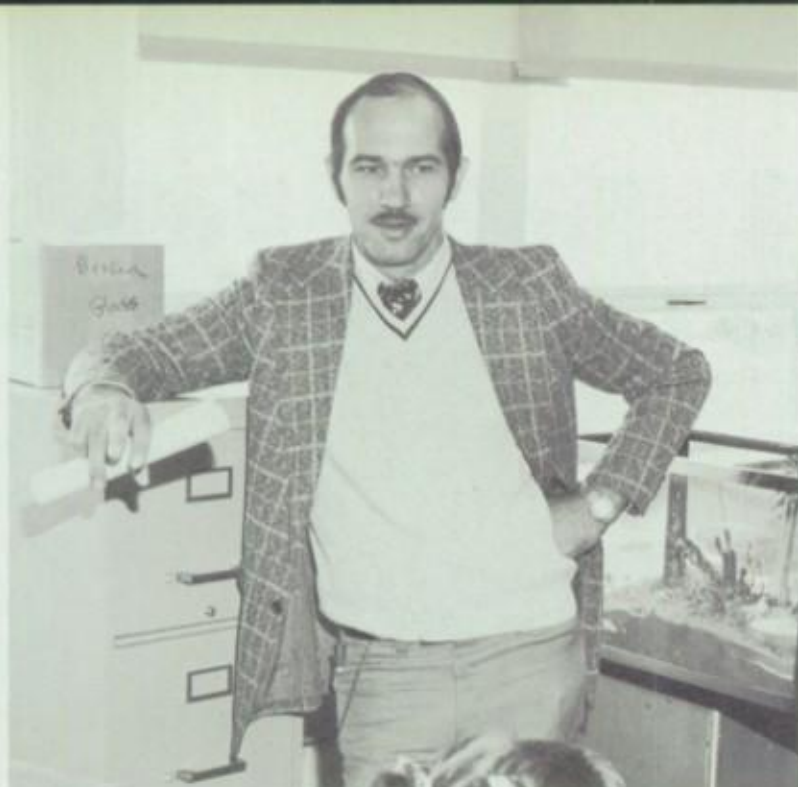
Math Dept. Offers Numerous Courses

The Math Department offers several curriculum choices for students in grades eight through twelve. Each student must have at least two math courses beyond grade eight.

The choices include essentials of math, Algebra I, geometry, basic math, Algebra II, trigonometry, and calculus. There are two new courses being offered this year; they are consumer math and computer programming.

The math curriculum is designed to meet the needs of all students on various mathematical levels.





Science Offerings Vary

There are many different science courses a student may take at Portage Area High School. Generally, eighth graders enroll in physical science. Depending upon his ability, a student can decide between life science or Biology I in ninth grade.

In grades ten through twelve, students may choose from several science electives. These choices consist of physical science, life science, Biology I, Biology II, Chemistry I, Chemistry II, physics, electronics, and environmental studies.



J. Cameron Benko



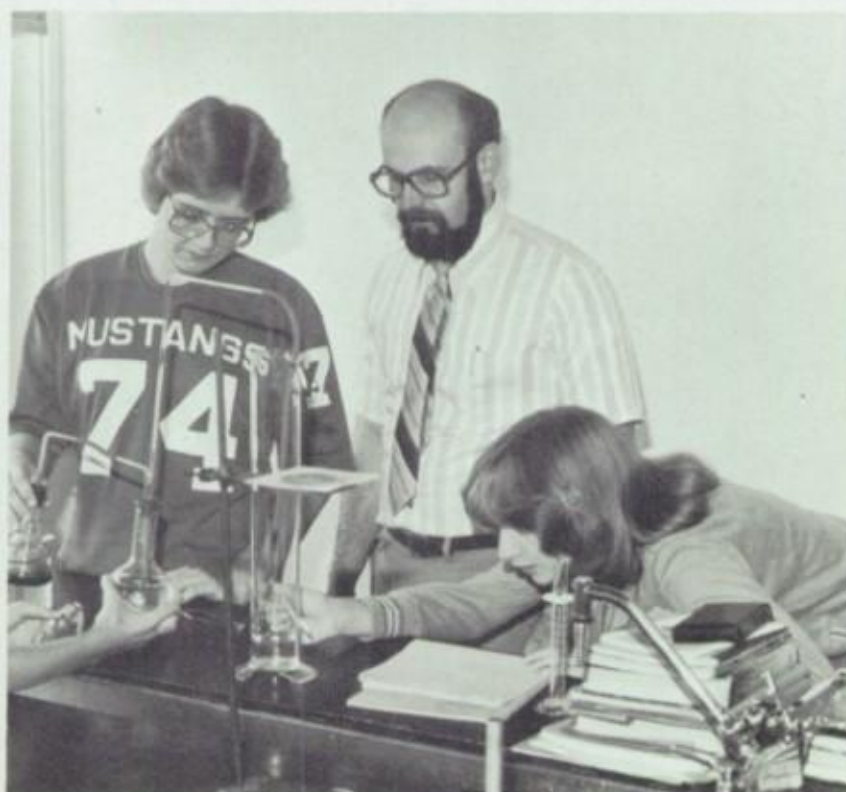
Richard
Bernazzoli



John Havrilla



Mario Pierraccini



Top: In physical science class, Mr. Benko explains the differences between a physical and a chemical reaction. **Above:** Mr. Bernazzoli discusses the principles of electrolysis with a ninth grade physical science class. **Left:** Mr. Havrilla watches as Jackie Szuhaj and Jackie Penrod set up an experiment in Chemistry I.

Bottom right: Mr. Vrabel in his inimitable fashion, expounds upon the cultural merits of the study of Oedipus Rex. Below middle: "What do you mean you never heard of the direct object of an infinitive?" exclaims Mrs. Iacurto. Below: Mrs. Palmer leads a discussion of the reading of Hamlet.



Mary Black



Sandy Covell



Evelyn Iacurto



Jean Palmer



Donald Sheridan



Fred Vrabell



Catherine Yanzetich

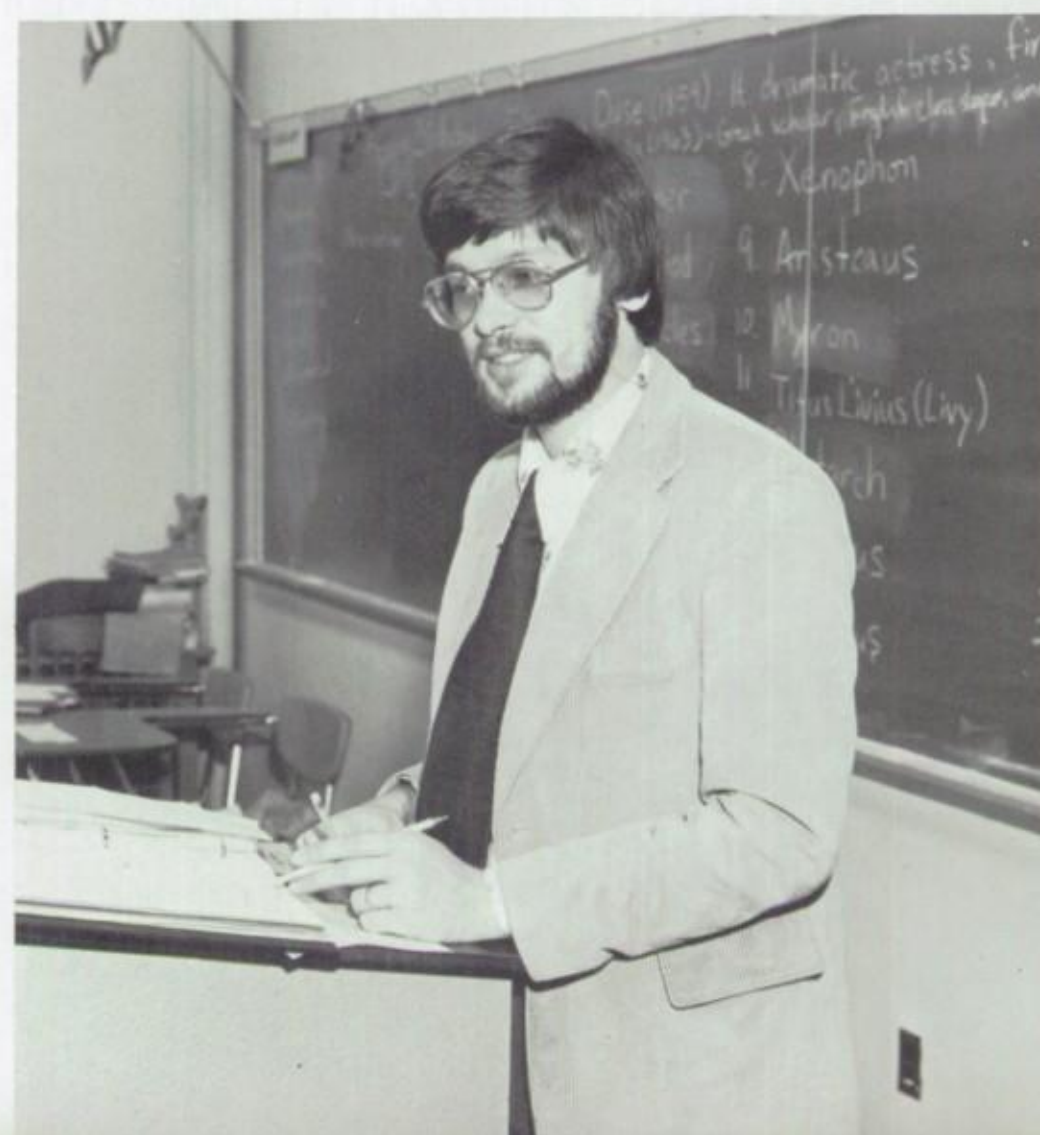


Language Arts Program Promotes Communication And Reading Skills

At P.A.H.S., students have been provided with language arts courses to develop their capabilities in communication areas. Each student must have an English course every year. English classes teach usage, grammar, composition, mechanics, literature, and speech.

Reading courses help students with their reading and their comprehension skills.

An elective course is journalism. In this course, students have the opportunity to use their writing talents in writing for the school paper and the year-book.





Edward Layo



Larry McCabe



Joseph Norris



George Skutch



Gary Yusko



Social Studies Classes Explore Past And Present

Answering questions about history will be much easier after students have taken social studies courses throughout their high school years at Portage Area. Students must take a social studies class every year.

Eighth graders take American Cultures I. Freshmen enroll in Pennsylvania history and civics while sophomores study American Cultures II. Juniors study such subjects as ancient civilizations and medieval life in world cultures class. Seniors have the choice of enrolling in P.O.D. or geography.



Top left: Mr. Layo decides on a grade to give one of his students on a current event speech. Above: Mr. Yusko explains to his students about the American Indian tribes which lived in the western Pennsylvania area in his American Cultures I class.

Below: Mrs. Banks listens to Kim Klein as she explains the possibility of becoming a Foreign Exchange Student in Europe this summer. Leslie Castel and Chris Stombaugh look on. Bottom right: Mrs. Pawlowski checks out a word in the dictionary for the students who are playing a game of scrabble in German.



Trudy Banks



Ursula Pawlowski



French, German Classes Explore Other Cultures And Languages

Learning a foreign language can be helpful and fun. In foreign language, students study the vocabulary words and their usage. They also learn about the customs and culture of the country itself.

At our school students have a choice between German and French. Each course offers a four year program. These courses are not required, but if a student has a chance, he can take advantage of these offerings.





Business Students Train For Clerical Positions

The Business Department at PAHS provides time for students to develop many skills essential for the modern secretary. There are an abundance of courses to take including bookkeeping, general business, business math, Shorthand I and II, Typing I and II, accounting, office practice, business law, Business English, filing, data processing and consumer education.

Students, after finishing these courses, will be better prepared to get a job in business world.



William Holtz



Carol Mathieson

Above left: Charlene Chernicky selects a paper which will give her a "surprise" project for one of her business classes. Middle left: Pam Burkett, Elaine Haney, Jane Spaid and Debbie Gibson operate the mimeograph machine as they run off an issue of the *Hilltop*. Above: Mr. Holtz looks over Kathy Koshak's paper as she and the rest of the class take a bookkeeping test.

Art And Music Classes Foster Student Talents

The fine arts department has several courses to develop students' talents in the areas of art and music.

In art, students can work with a wide variety of projects including ceramics, leather crafts, and water colors, just to name a few.

Both the chorus and girls ensemble work hard in preparing concerts which are a source of pleasure and entertainment for their audience.

The band always puts on spectacular performances after practicing for long, hard hours to insure a great production.



Top right: Dave Gibson, Lisa Walters, and Barry Batdorf receive instructions from Mrs. Voyzey concerning an art project which they will undertake. Above middle: Mr. Nezneski works with band members to perfect an upcoming half-time routine. Above: Mr. Black takes a few minutes away from his students to work on a music selection which the chorus will perform in an upcoming concert.



Ron Black



Edward Nezneski
Music Supervisor



June Voyzey



Marykathryn
Jenkins



James Johnson



Students Gain Practical Training In Shop, Home Ec.

Home economics and industrial arts programs give students the opportunity to gain experience in each of these areas of study.

Shop classes work with both wood and metal crafts. Students learn the fundamentals of working with both wood projects and metal projects. Safety rules are also stressed in working with the machinery which is used in industrial arts.

In the home economics classes, students learn the fundamentals of sewing. Students are also taught the basic tenets of proper nutrition, meal planning and food preparation in the cooking labs.

Top right: Todd Shoff and Charlie Adams steal a taste of meringue that Miss Jenkins has made in a cooking lab while Henry Law tries to convince the class that meringue really is not his favorite food. Above: Mr. Bower demonstrates the proper way to use a radial saw in an industrial arts' class. Watching the demonstration are four freshmen—Don Gouse, Pat Flynn, Emil Branas, and Tom Branas.



James Casale



John Kittell



Joseph Makosky



Milan Saula



Donald Timura



Students Benefited By Various Services

At P.A.H.S., Mr. Donald Timura, who is home and school visitor, also serves as the coordinator of federal programs at Portage Area.

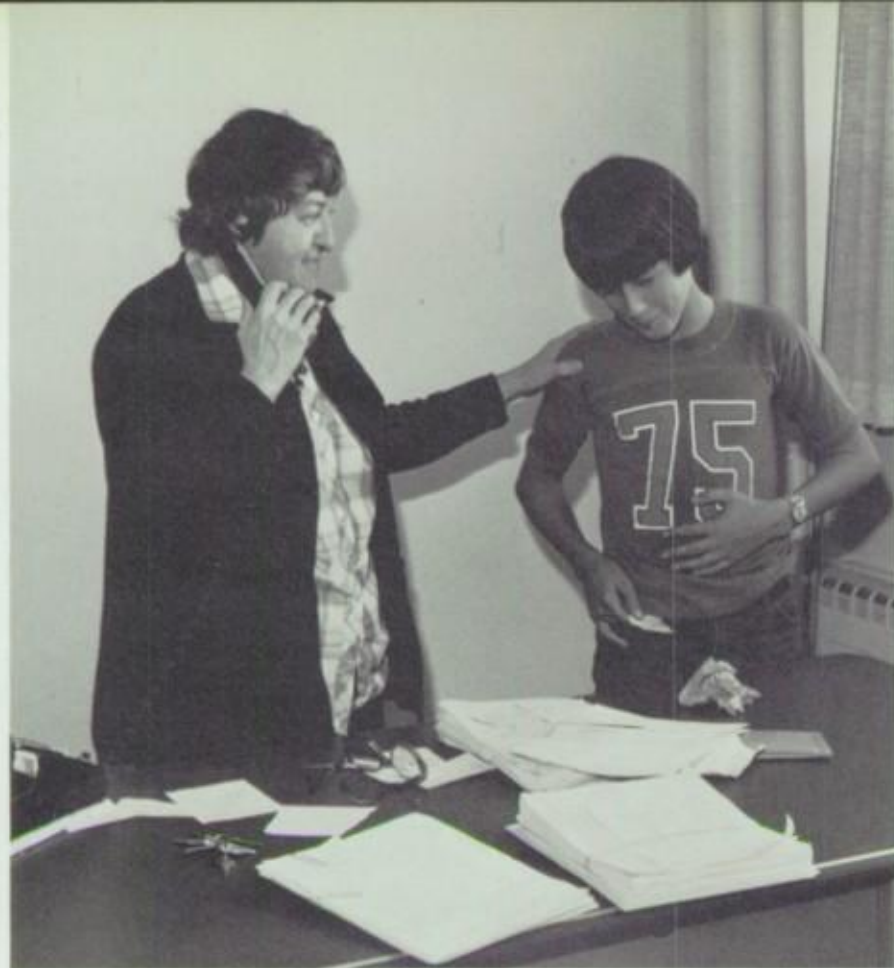
Mr. Makosky is the high school guidance counselor. He administers tests and provides aid and information to those who plan post high school education.

Mr. John Kittell provides special education students with basic skills that will help them in their futures.

Librarian James Casale is always busy helping students find all the information which they need for research papers and reports.

Mr. Milan Saula instructs students on the fundamentals of safe driving. These students receive both classroom instruction and practical experience in driving on the "open road."

Above left: Mr. Saula explains the techniques of driving to Jackie Baith; he is stressing the importance of driving with tires which are fully inflated. Top: Lisa Walters, Cheryl Simmons, and Sheryl Kick check a college catalog with Mr. Makosky. Above: Mr. Timura, home and school visitor, checks the list of students who are being excused early.



Nurse, Health Classes Phys. Ed. Aid Students

Miss Lazere has a full schedule since she serves as nurse at both the elementary and high schools. She not only helps with sports physicals, but she also listens to the ailments of many students.

Mrs. Slonac and Mr. Campagna, physical education instructors, give students the opportunity to become more physically fit during their gym classes.

Health classes, taught by Mr. Culbertson, are taken by both ninth and tenth graders. These students receive several areas of health study. Two units which are emphasized are first aid and drug and alcohol abuse.



Victor Campagna



Russell Culbertson



Doris Lazere



Margaret Slonac

Top: Miss Lazere calls Chris Pisarski's parents to let them know that Chris is complaining of an upset stomach. **Above left:** Some students unload their energy in a competitive game of basketball during an afternoon gym class. **Above right:** Mr. Culbertson's capable substitute, Mr. Gruss, relaxes in his room at the end of another busy day.

BUS DRIVERS—Left to right, row 1: Frank Goss, Rusty Hochrein, Bart Wagner, Jim Lego. Back row: Bucky George, Bob Geroge, Ray Huff. Absent from photo: Willy Furtkevic.



CAFETERIA STAFF—Left to right: Pat Woods, Bev Hutchinson, Mary Miller, Betty Richardson, Mary Hopper, Ray Torrez, Caroline Hopson—head cook.

Bus Drivers, Custodians Cooks Help Students

The cooks, cafeteria workers and bus drivers are three service groups which help the school run smoothly. The cafeteria staff prepares daily meals that are both appealing and nutritious.

The custodians are always busy making sure that the school is clean and neat. They also make certain that everything is in working order.

The bus drivers have the responsibility of safely transporting the students to and from school.



CUSTODIANS —Mike Zaher—Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds and Joe Shaw—Daytime Custodian.



Eleanor Jenkins



Joann Kisic



Mary Ann Krisko



Marilyn Layo



Betty McGough



Stephanie Voss



Jean Ann Wilson



Ethel Girard



Wanda Stombaugh



Above: Mrs. Layo, secretary to Mr. Koza, takes a call during a typically busy day in the assistant principal's office.

Secretaries And Aides Work To Benefit P.A.H.S. Students

The Portage Area School District's secretaries and aides have busy schedules. Their jobs are demanding ones. The services which they provide are valuable to the entire school.

Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Jenkins, and Mrs. Layo, secretaries to Mr. Hepner, Mr. Nyeste, and Mr. Koza, respectively, have busy jobs performing various duties. Miss Voss is kept quite busy as secretary to the business manager, Mr. Wilson. Mrs. Krisko is occupied performing numerous duties in the superintendent's office.

Mrs. Kisic works in the guidance office. Mrs. McGough serves as an aide in the Business Department while Mrs. Girard and Miss Stombaugh work as Math Department aides.



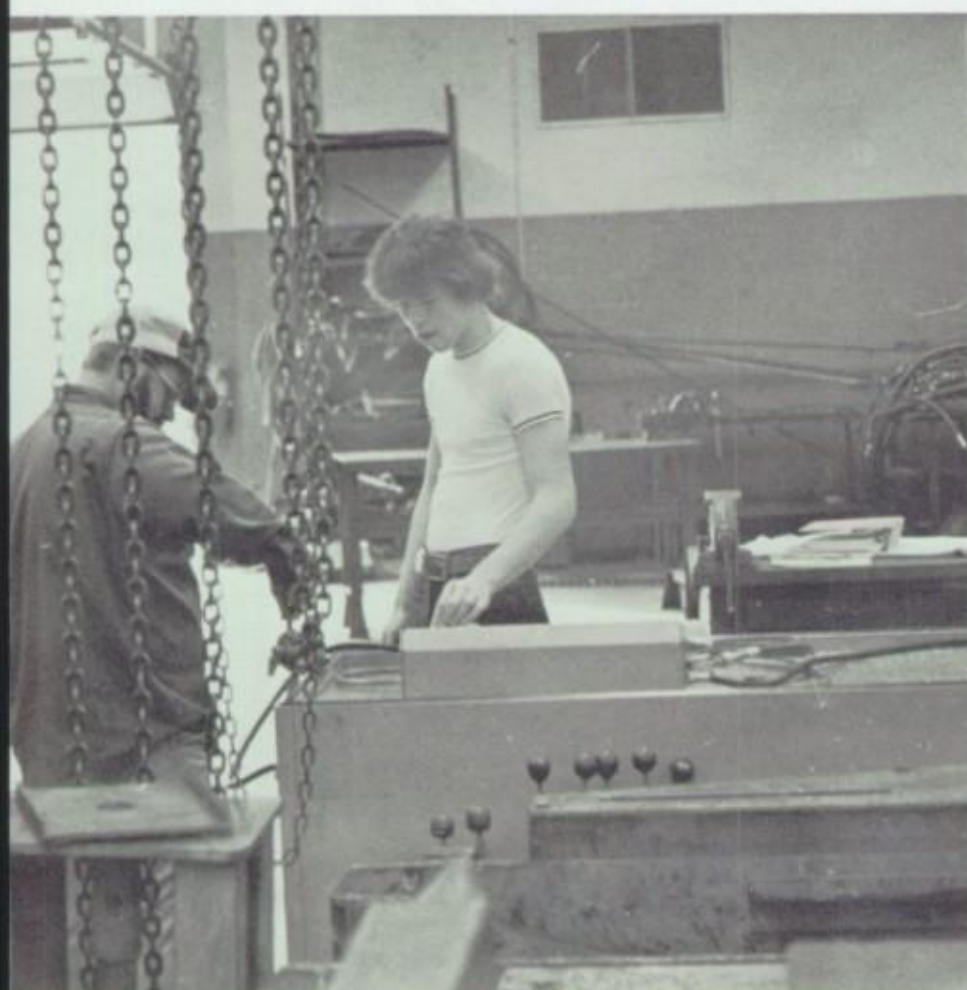
Right: Brian Leturgey, Francis Chappell, and other classmates lift a completed roof truss for the new garage that the construction class is building at the vo-tech. Below: Tammy Allison is busy attending the cash register as she checks out many satisfied customers at Quantity Food Services.

Admiral Peary Offers Many Vocational Programs

This is Portage Area's seventh year of association with the Admiral Peary Vocational-Technical School in Ebensburg. The P.A.H.S. students who attend the vo-tech are gaining vocational training and experience in such areas as electrical wiring, agriculture, automotive technology, building construction, and many others.

Seniors attend the vo-tech in the afternoon while juniors attend the facility in the morning. These students take their English, history, and physical education classes at Portage Area High School. They may also take any other electives which can be fit into their schedules. Extra-curricular activities are provided by the home school.





Above left: Fall days are the right time for planting spring flower bulbs, and that is the project which **Brenda Hershberger** has just completed. Top: **Rick Kline** observes his classmate as he welds the fender of a car they are working on in auto body. Left: **Bruce Thomas** listens as his instructor explains one of the many new methods of mining. Above: In her cosmetology class at vo-tech, **Kim Kick** relaxes after completing an assignment.

Administrative Staff Strives To Promote Sound Education

The administrators of Portage Area High School take time to organize and ensure that the school operates efficiently.

Mr. James Hepner, along with the members of the school board, faculty, students and the community helps to maintain quality education at Portage Area.

Mr. Stephen Nyeste and Mr. John Koza work together to keep the high school moving smoothly. Mr. Koza also works hard in scheduling the athletic events.

Mr. Thomas Wilson is busy performing his duties as Portage Area School District's Business Manager.



Top right: Mr. Wilson takes time to smile for the yearbook photographer. Right: Mr. Hepner, who is always busy at work in his office, checks on some information in his files. Above: Mr. Hepner speaks at the annual National Honor Society induction ceremonies.

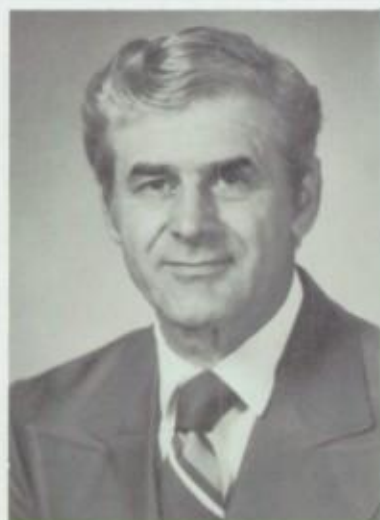




Left: Mr. Koza, Mr. Nyeste, and Mr. Campaigna enjoy watching a basketball game in the P.A.H.S. gym. Below left: Mr. Nyeste greets the students with the morning announcements. Below: Mr. Koza is hard at work trying to get things organized for an upcoming athletic event.



James A. Hepner
Superintendent of
Schools



Stephen J. Nyeste
High School Principal



John J. Koza
Assistant High School
Principal
Athletic Director



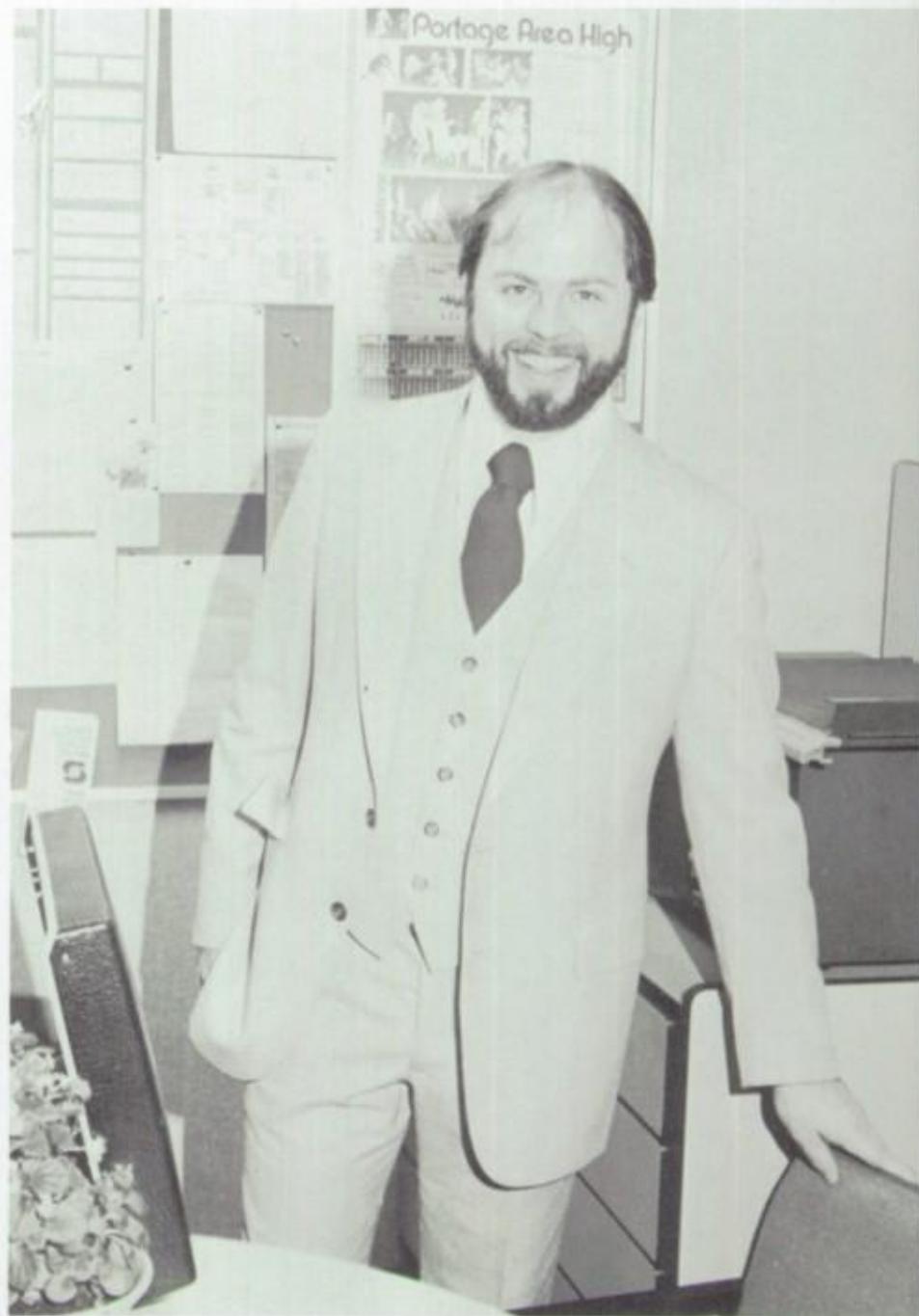
Thomas R. Wilson
Business Manager

School Directors Strive To Promote A Sound Educational School System

The members of the Portage Area School Board have numerous duties and responsibilities. This nine member group is an indispensable part of the school system's operational structure. Although this organization has numerous responsibilities, foremost on their list of duties is to establish, equip, and maintain an adequate number of schools in the district which they represent. The board also possesses the power to levy and collect taxes which they deem necessary for the school system to function properly.

The board of school directors has many other obligations to fulfill. The school board is responsible for fixing the length of the school term, adopting classroom textbooks, hiring teachers and administrators, adopting the budget, and establishing salaries for school district employees.

The members of the school board at Portage Area devote much time and effort into helping to make the educational system at Portage Area a sound one for all the students who attend school in the district.



Above right: Board member Don Kittell waits in the superintendent's office complex for the beginning of one of the monthly board meetings of the Portage area School District. Right: Members of the Portage Area School Board recite the Pledge of Allegiance which traditionally begins each board meeting.





Left: The outside bulletin board welcomes all who enter the Portage Area School Complex.



1981 PORTAGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS - - Left to right, row 1: Bertha Fedore - - secretary; Michael D. Kittell - - vice-president; Blair Ritchey - - president. Row 2: Jerome Yetsko, Erda Nederlander, Nancy Sherbine, Michael Harrison. Absent from photo: James Basile and Michael Kearney.



UNDERCLASSMEN

For underclassmen, their high school years are important. These are the years during which students mature, learn how to interact with other students, and try to decide what they will do following their graduation. During these years, students set goals and work toward their achievement. These are changing times for these students as each year which they spend at P.A.H.S. brings new and different opportunities. Each day in the life of a student happens only "once," and the students must make the most of each day.



Far left: Some underclassmen take a break from the classroom routine to socialize with each other during a break from classes at lunch time. Left: Underclassmen take advantage of the P.A.H.S. library facilities to do some research. Below left: Yes, it is Rob Wolford "watching all the girls go by." Below: Kathy Borenish delivers a current event speech in her American Cultures II class.



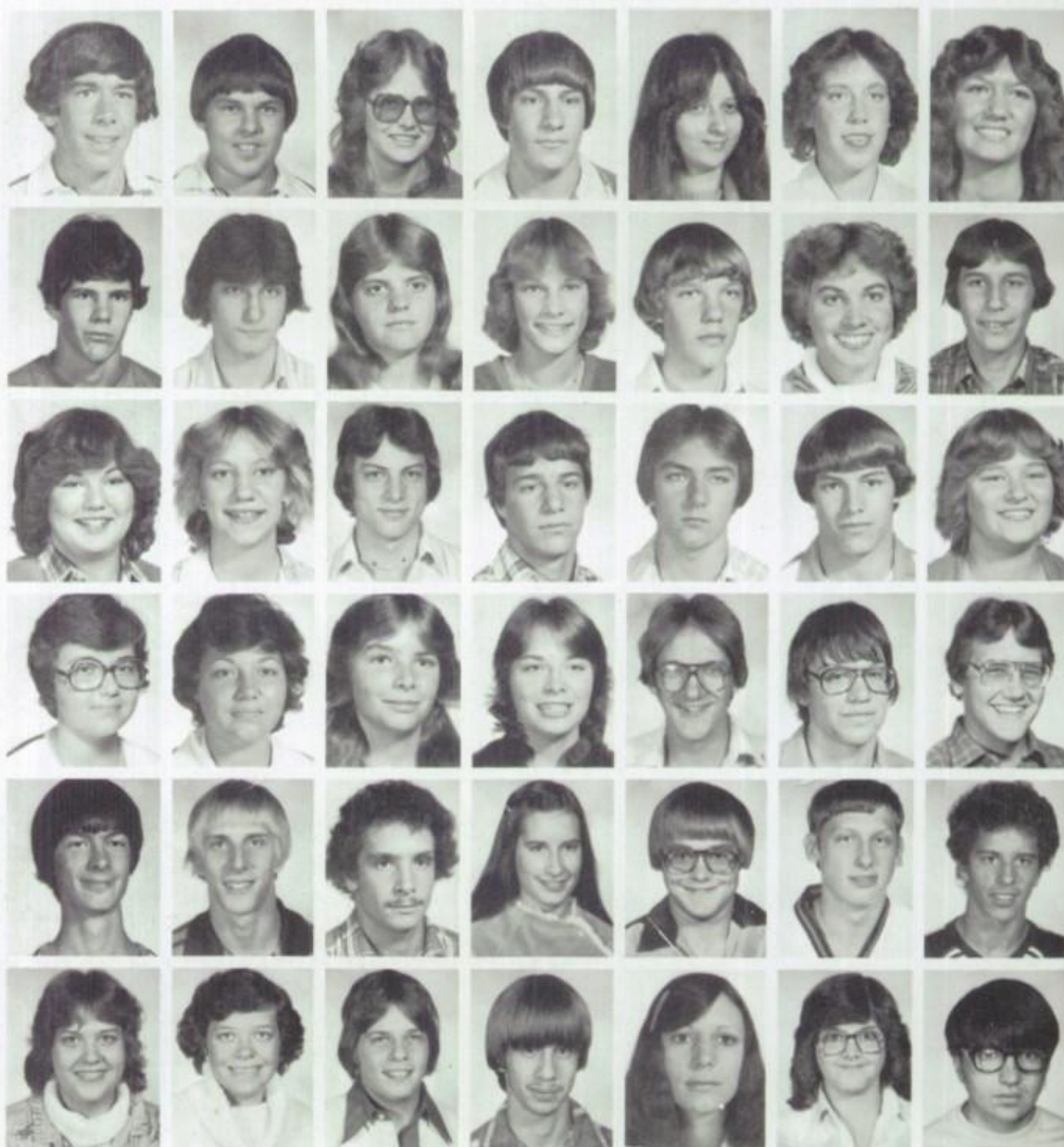
Juniors Enroll In Variety Of Courses

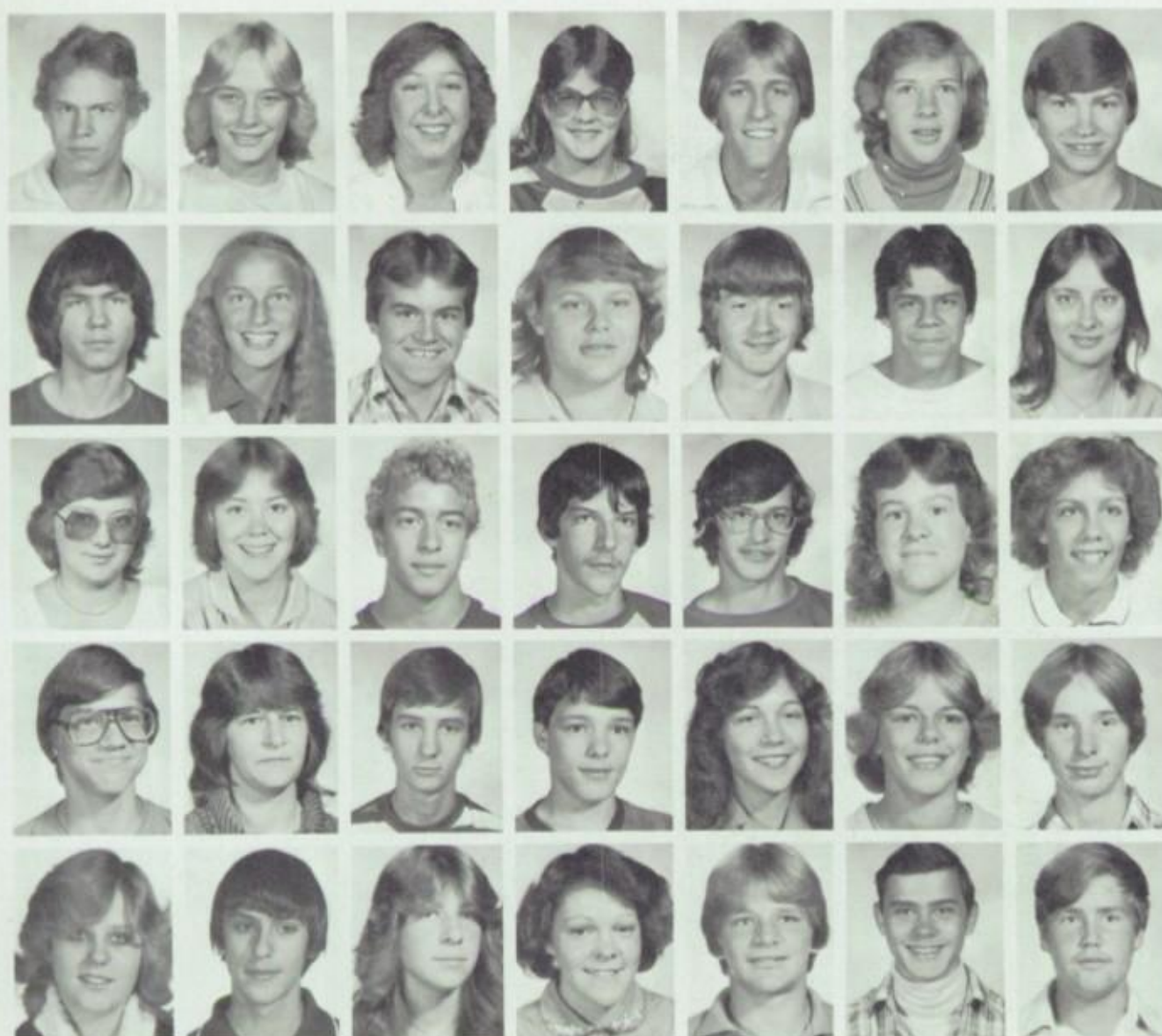
As a junior, a student at Portage Area is required to take English, world cultures, physical education and driver's education. In addition to the mandatory courses, juniors were able to enroll in elective courses in math, science, French, German, home economics, industrial arts, and several business courses.

Juniors are rather active in numerous extra-curricular activities including sports, organizations such as band, chorus, girls ensemble, stage band, newspaper, yearbook, FBLA, Ag Club, Ski Club, and N.H.S.



Robert Adams
Dale Anthonson
Jackie Baith
Joe Baker
Marcia Barno
Debbie Batche
Debbie Bauer
Ken Beck
John Belovsky
Diane Beyer
Chris Borlie
Mike Bryja
Kelly Burket
Tony Campagna
Leslie Castel
Tracy Castel
Charles Coleman
Rick Davis
Vic Delimata
Mike Farren
Tammy Feathers
Laurie Fedorko
Lynne Fedorko
Janice Fisher
Fran Franey
Ed Frear
Phil Fryzlewicz
Bill Furtkevic
Rob Gahagen
Gary Galla
Ray George
Linda Gray
Chris Grecek
John Hanak
Dennis Handel
Brenda Hershberger
Loretta Hollop
John Irwin
Walter Jaap
Sue Jubara
Kim Jubina
Rick Julian





Joe Kalinoski
 Kim Kick
 Kim Klein
 Sue Kline
 Jim Koban
 Kathy Koshak
 Tom Kosko
 Dave Kostan
 Michele Koza
 Steve Krisko
 Sarah Krull
 Adam Kunko
 Mike Kunko
 Tina Lafferty
 Carrie Lamar
 Lisa Lamar
 Troy Layo
 Scott Lengel
 Brian Leturgey
 Traci Leturgey
 Elaine Lucas
 Mike Makosky
 Sue Mandichak
 Alfred Maul
 Jim Miller
 Kelly Miller
 Natalie Morgan
 Mark Moyer
 Rhonda Moyer
 Ed Myers
 Joy McCabe
 Kerry McCarty
 Doug McQuillen
 Paul McVicker
 George Nagle



Above left: Dave Rocker carries the Junior Class mascot which inspired the class members to sell their quota of magazines during their class selling project. Left: **JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS AND ADVISERS**—Left to right, sitting: Mike Kunko—Secretary; Vince Rylke—treasurer. Standing: Mr. Benko—adviser; Kelly Burket—vice-president; Jim Koban—president; Mr. Bernazzoli—adviser.

Bottom right: Juniors work arduously on solving problems on a chemistry test as Mr. Havrilla, chemistry teacher, looks on. Right: Kim Klein smiles happily. Could it be a smile of relief after the end of a hectic day taking yearbook pictures? Below: Members of a Junior homeroom await the playing of the national anthem which signals the beginning of every school day.



Bill Niper
Mark Nolan
Lisa Odenthal
Ron Olshavsky
Ted Orlowsky
Brenda Panick
Pam Parizack
Debbie Pauley
Jackie Penrod
George Petney
Kenny Plummer
Tim Plummer
Patty Pohopin
Alan Psioda
Kathy Ramus
Ed Raptosh
Len Reed
Debbie Ritchey
Nancy Ritchey
Dave Rocker
Vince Rylke
Ray Sanders
Val Seder
Allen Shaffer
Randy Shoff
Marguerite Sigado
Michelle Sigado
Bronwyn Skrack





Mike Slebodnick
Shirley Slebodnick
Jennifer Smith
Sherrie Smith
Doug Spahr
Mary Steback

Jean Stoke
Jackie Szuhaj
Michele Tarachko
Bruce Thomas
Dan Tyger
Debbie Trusik

Brian Tutsock
Tom Varner
Ida Walter
Barb Weaver
Debbie Williams
Fran Williams

Bob Wolford
Ed Wozniak
Diane Wright
Terri Wytosick
Mimi Yetsko
Craig Zaman



Juniors Formulate Plans For 1981 PAHS Prom

Next to the senior class, the members of the junior class have a busy year. Since it is their responsibility to plan and host the Junior-Senior Prom, the juniors devote much time and effort into planning this gala event.

To help finance the prom, the juniors conducted their annual magazine sale. This project proved to be a successful one. The juniors also held their annual class dance in November.

*Photographs not available for Francis Chappell, Rick Kline, Kris Shoff.

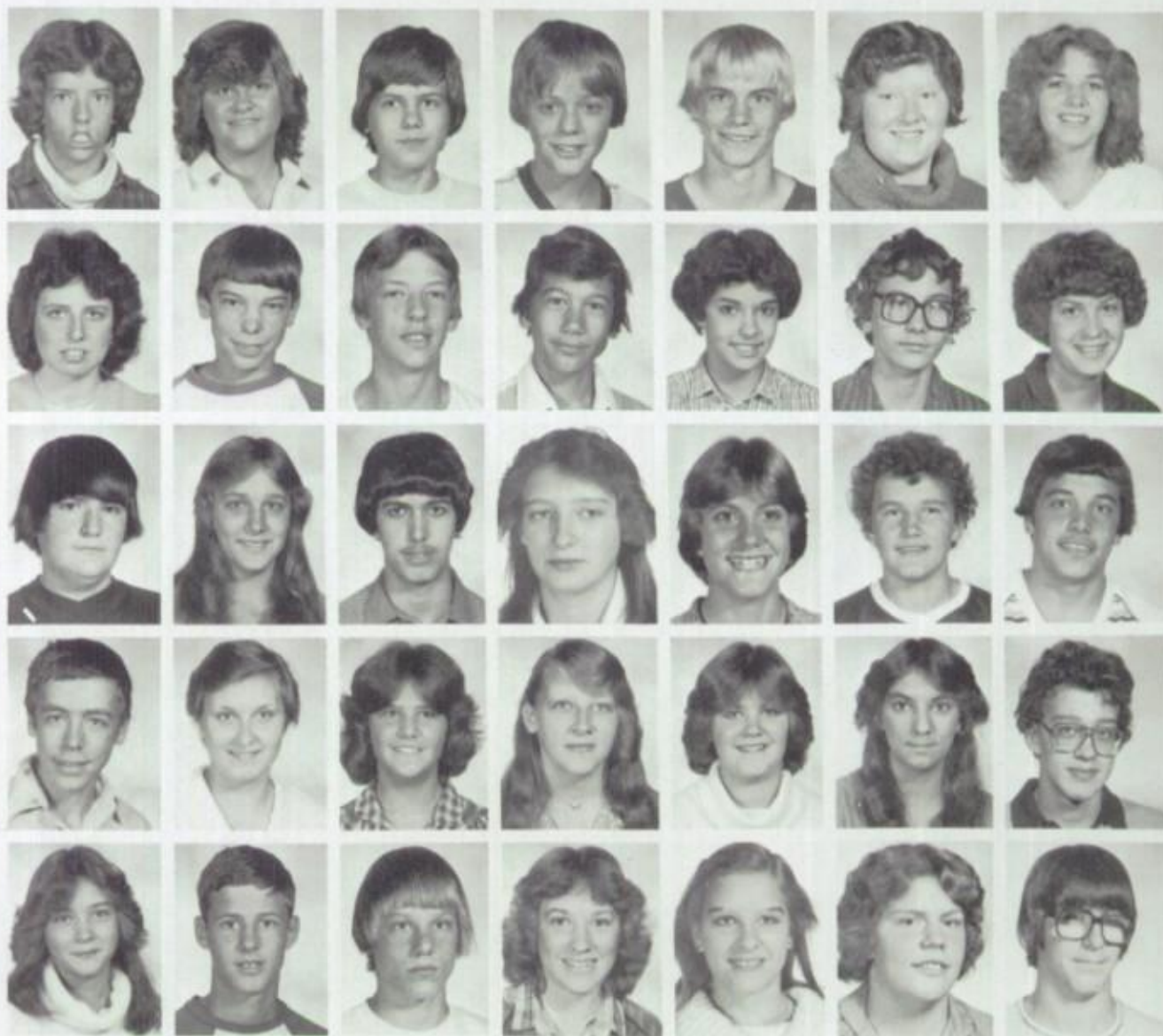
Sophomores Conduct Selling Project

The sophomores conducted their first selling project this spring. They decided to sell two types of candy to raise money for their class treasury. The class sold candy bars and boxes of candy through the Q.S.P. Company. Their sale was a successful one. The profit from this project will be used next year to help finance the Junior-Senior Prom.

The sophomores also worked hard to prepare for their annual class dance which was held in the spring.



Robyn Adams
Kelly Andrews
Tom Anthonson
Joe Bailey
Larry Baker
Dawn Barrett
Cindy Baughman
Sherry Baughn
Ray Behe
Tim Benjack
Lance Benko
Kathy Borenish
Bill Brown
Stacy Burns
Darren Caurvina
Sandy Causer
Dave Chappell
Donna Chappell
Terry Chappell
Paul Chobany
Bill Corrente
Dewayne Crum
Teresa Cyran
Shari Davis
Debbie Diehl
Susan Ellis
Teresa Feathers
Brian Fisher
Kim Foreman
Walter Fox
James Fryzlewicz
Kris Fuzie
Karen Galla
Patty Gallaher
James Garis





Brenda George
Maria George
Mark Gibson
Melissa Gillin
Nina Girard
Larry Gloster

Janice Gordon
Annette Gossard
Karen Gossard
Valerie Grecek
Alice Gressick
Sherry Harlin

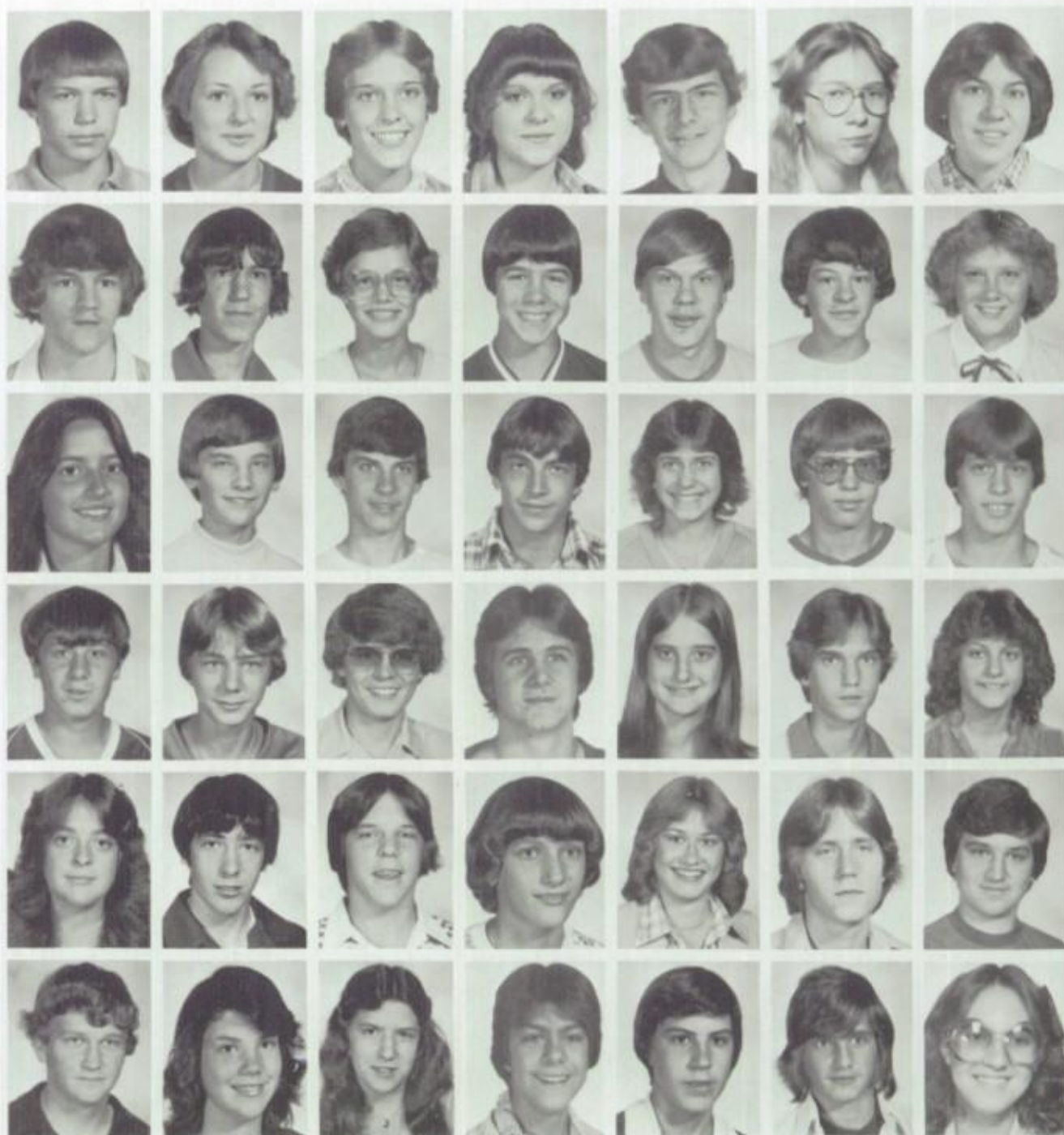
Becky Harrison
Wendi Hazlett
Michael Helsel
Beth Hochrein
Bonnie Hochrein
Linda Hunt

Michael Hutsky
Michael Jaap
Frank Jubara
Bryan Jubina
Mary Kalinoski
Debbie Kephart



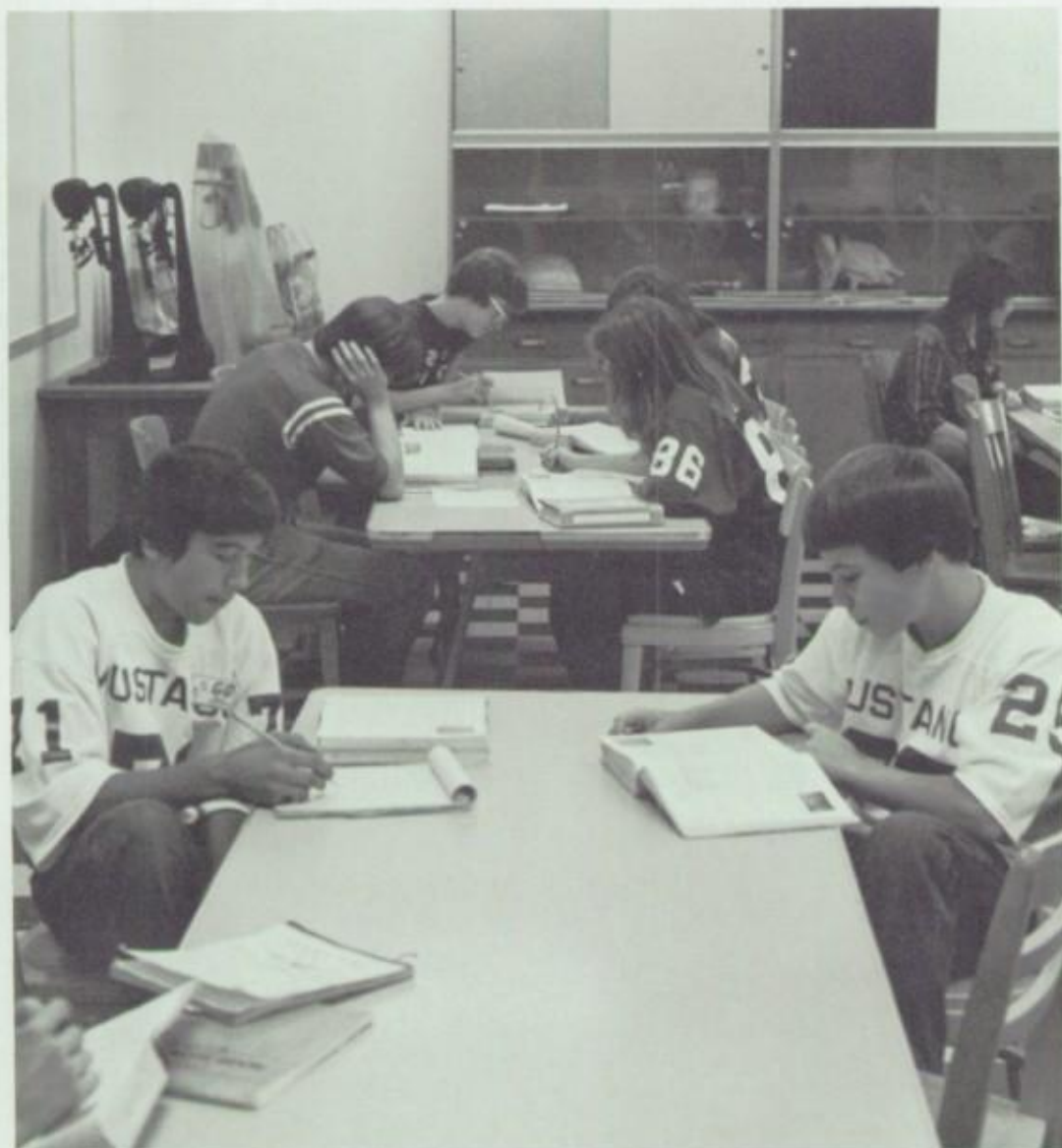
Top left: Carol Teno, Larry Baker, Dewayne Crum, and Frank Jubara prepare to take notes in American Cultures II class. Above: Darren Moore works on homework during activity period. It looks as though Randy Moyer has all of his assignments completed.

Matt Kleman
 Marlene Klein
 Kim Koban
 Bernadette Kostan
 Pete Koza
 Joan Krinjeck
 Mary Kuchera
 Brian Kunko
 Ron Kuntz
 Sherry Latherow
 Kevin Lazor
 Ray Lee
 John Leturgey
 Judy Letzo
 Suzanne Lutz
 Andy Majer
 Charles Makosky
 Thomas Maloskey
 Lisa Markovich
 Jim Michaels
 Larry Michaels
 Darren Moore
 Randy Moyer
 Terry Moyer
 William Moyer
 Barb Myers
 John Myher
 Kelly McCabe
 Pam McCabe
 Robert McCarty
 Shawn McDonald
 Karie McKenney
 Melissa Neilson
 James Nelson
 William Noel
 Bruce Onder
 Becky O'Shoben
 Tina Pallone
 Ryan Pauley
 Steve Petney
 Thomas Plummer
 Elizabeth Poorman



Right: SOPHOMORE CLASS OF-
 FICERS--Left to right: Maria
 George-Treasurer; Larry Michaels-Vice
 President; Pete Koza-President; Paula
 Vancheri-Secretary. Top right: Mem-
 bers of a Biology I Class look up the
 answers to questions at the end of a
 chapter.



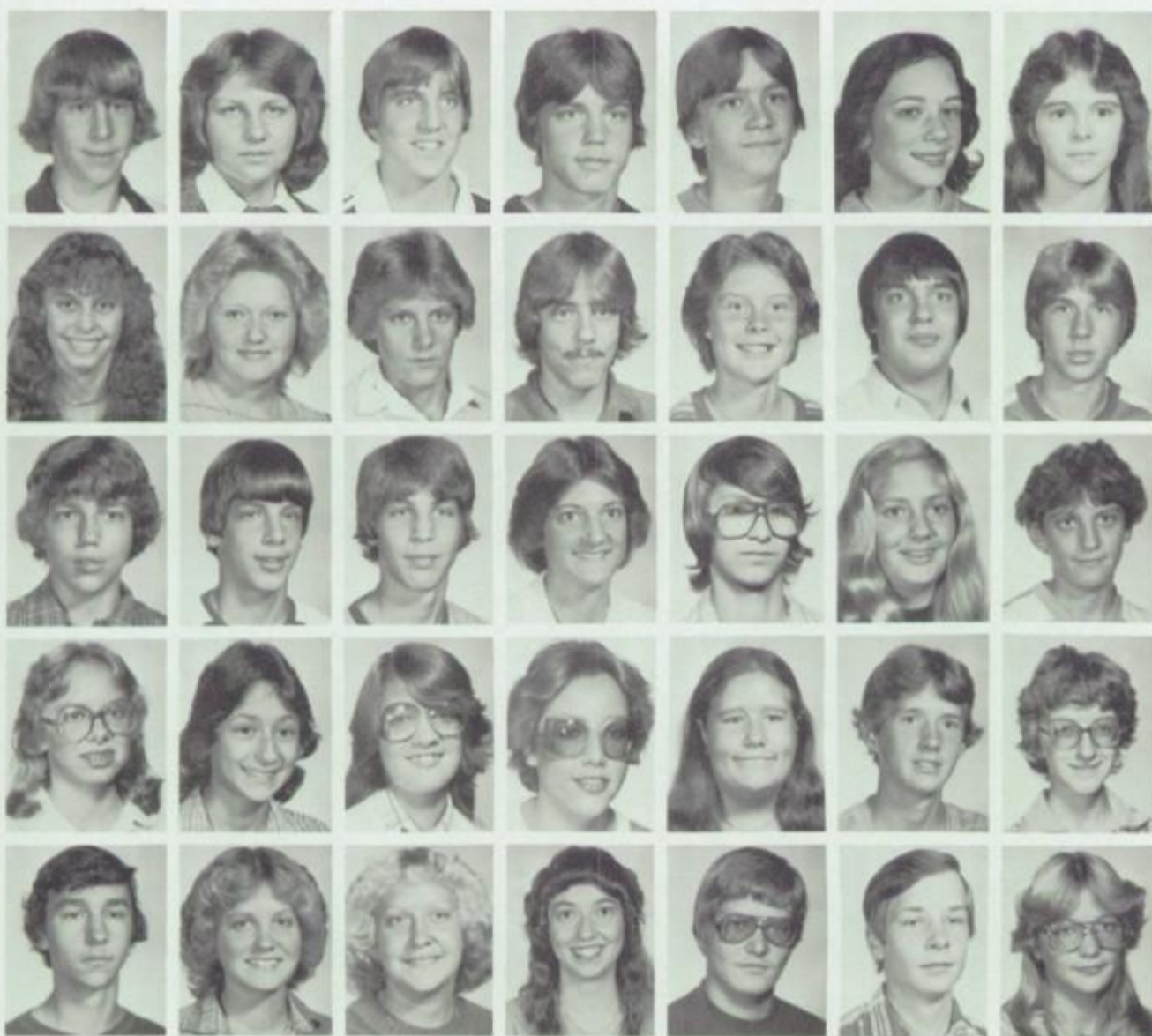


Sophomores Offered Wide Variety Of Course Selections

When a Portage Area Student becomes a sophomore, he has reached that special plateau---senior high school. His choice of courses becomes extremely important. A sophomore has the option of enrolling in either the academic or the commercial program. The courses offered in each of these programs will prove to be quite important in these students' future years.

In addition to the courses the tenth graders elect to take, each person must enroll in mandatory subjects--English, American Cultures II, physical education, and health.

There are numerous electives such as art, chorus, band, French, or German which these students may take if their schedule permits.



Mark Poorman
 Kim Popchak
 Tim Price
 Brian Richardson
 Michael Ringler
 Kim Ritchey
 Kim Robine
 Debbie Rocker
 Deborah Rorabaugh
 Patty Roush
 Mark Sanford
 Rhonda Saulsbury
 Alan Scarton
 Charles Serenko
 Jack Shaw
 Dan Shuty
 Sheldon Sinclair
 Karen Spaid
 Michael Storey
 Carol Teno
 Kathy Thomas
 Robin Thomas
 Paula Vancheri
 Tammy Varner
 Diane Vermeulin
 Cathy Walters
 Robert Williams
 Sondi Wilson
 Rodney Wisen
 Denise Wright
 Karen Yetsko
 Francine Zaman
 Phil Zdunczyk
 Greg Zimmerman
 Ann Zock

Jilann Anderson
 Missy Behe
 Kerri Bentley
 Don Berkhimer
 Ron Berkhimer
 Shelly Benjack
 Tammy Bloom
 Michael Bodasky
 John Borlie
 Emil Branas
 Thomas Branas
 Allen Brown
 Suzanne Bryja
 Cindy Bryson
 Dorothy Burkett
 Phil Butterbaugh
 Carmelia Campagna
 Lori Castel
 Doug Chappell
 Joel Connelly
 Jill Crum
 Bob Crum
 Bob Cyran
 Lisa Diehl
 Tim Enderline
 Sue Farren
 Dawn Fetsko
 Patrick Flynn
 Randy Forst
 Robert Fox
 Tim Franey
 Tim Fuzie
 Mark Gahagen
 Kathy Galla
 Christopher Gaunt



9th GRADE CLASS OFFICERS--Left to right: Doug Pauley—president; Vanessa Sabala—vice-president; Sue Farren—treasurer; Michelle Spahr—secretary.
 Above right: Mr. Bernazzoli gives an explanation in one of his ninth grade science classes while his students take notes.



Freshmen Enroll In Specified Courses

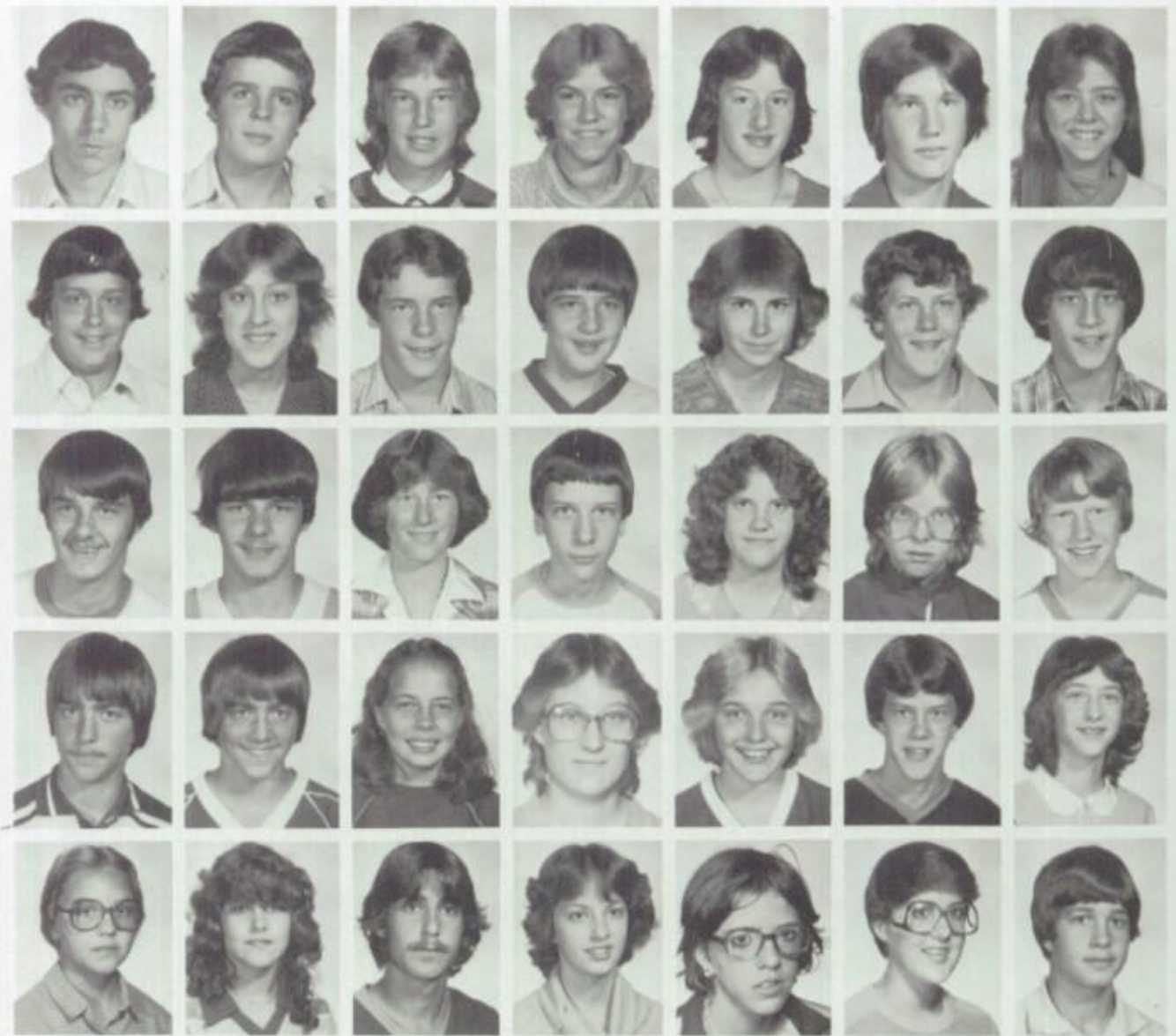
As a member of the freshman class, students must enroll in certain specified courses. Required courses on the ninth grade level include English, Pennsylvania history, civics, health, art, and physical education. All freshmen take a math and a science course, but the specific course in which a ninth grader enrolls depends upon his or her ability in these areas.

Ninth graders are eligible to take several elective courses if they choose. Their elective options include French, German, home economics, and industrial arts.



Dawn Gentile
 Neil Glista
 JoAnne Gossard
 Don Gouse
 Robert Grecek
 Chris Grove
 Kim Grove
 Sharon Grove
 Eric Gruss
 Brian Hagerich
 Kip Hanak
 Cindy Harriton
 Nancy Hodgson
 John Hollop
 Cheri Hopper
 Dave Hornbake
 Chris Hudak
 Ray Hufford
 Keith Kearney
 Robert Kelly
 Kristin Kick
 Ron Kick
 William Klein
 Mary Kleman
 Michael Koenigsburg
 Brenda Koshak
 Richard Koval
 Deborah Koza
 Donald Krenjeck
 Richard Krenjeck
 Joe Krisko
 Danny Kuisick
 Sam Lamar
 Debbie Latherow
 Annette Latoche
 Lynn Leturgety
 Richard Litzinger
 Jim Luckenbaugh
 Dean McCabe
 Keith McVicker
 Missy McQuillen
 Francis Maul

Rodger Maul
 Ronald Maul
 Bonnie Michrina
 Glenna Morgan
 Barb Myers
 Marshall Nagle
 Michelle Noble
 Joe Oklamchak
 Cindy Orłowsky
 Doug Pauley
 Ed Pawloski
 Trina Petney
 Bill Piatak
 Charles Plummer
 Daniel Plummer
 Dennis Plummer
 Janae Plummer
 David Pollock
 Tammy Poorman
 Janis Rambeau
 Doug Redfern
 Tim Riskus
 Tom Riskus
 Lisa Roberts
 Valerie Sabala
 Vanessa Sabala
 Ralph Scoran
 Paula Secresky
 Lisa Sendzik
 Glynnis Shaffer
 Richard Shaffer
 Shelia Sharpe
 Linda Sherman
 Mary Beth Sigado
 Michael Solarczyk



PAHS Class Of 1984 Increases Involvement In School Activities

The Class of 1984 has become increasingly involved in extra-curricular activities. They participated in all areas of sports including football, boys and girls basketball, wrestling, volleyball, track and baseball. Some members of the class became members of the cheerleading squad while others joined such organizations as chorus and band.

These students also belonged to some of the clubs at PAHS including the Ski Club, Ag Club, Bowling club, and the Cross Country Ski Club.

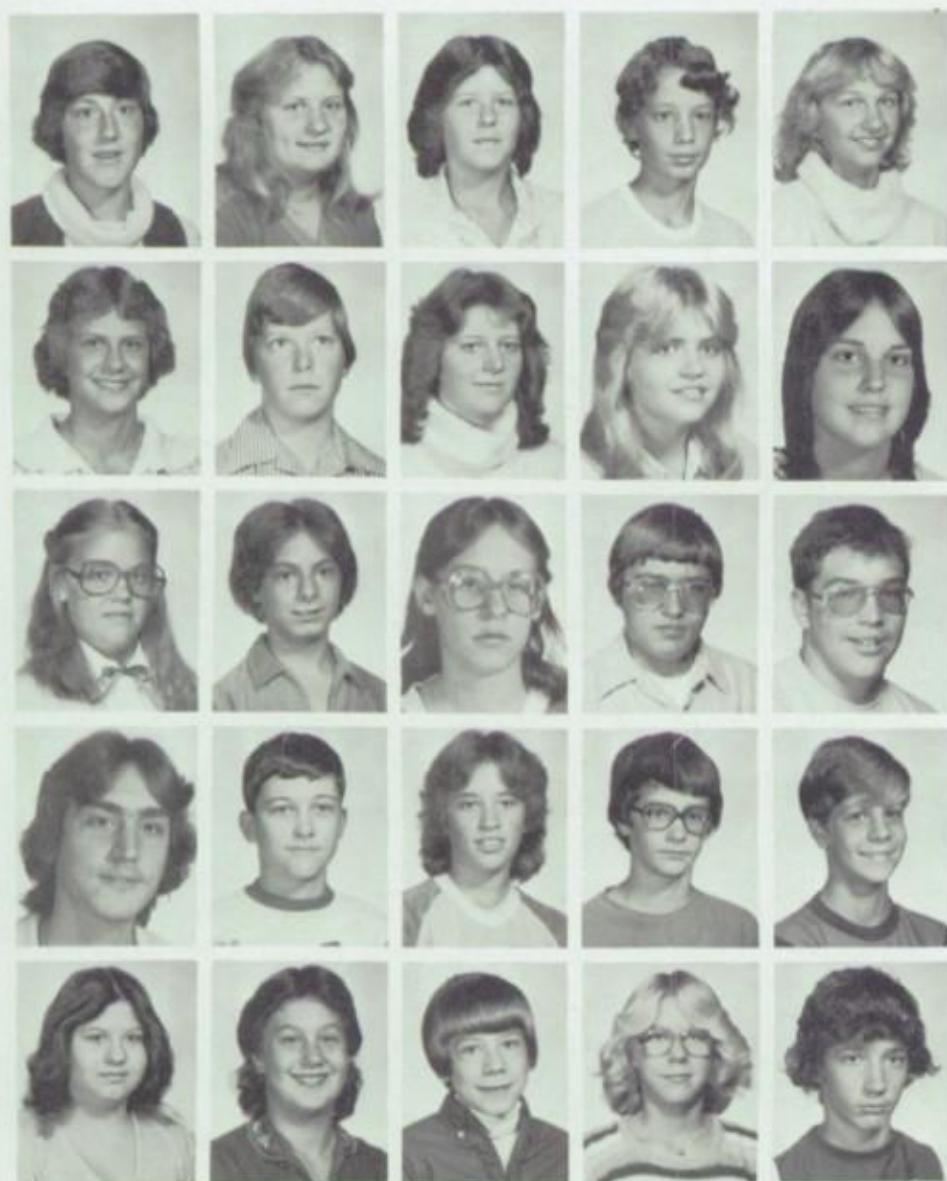
No matter what club, organization, or extra-curricular activity that freshmen participated in, they played an important role.



Above: Mr. Ronan watches as his ninth grade math class tries to solve one of his challenging math problems.



Left: Mrs. Pawlowski watches as three of her German I students—Fred Gray, Tony DeLuca, and John Borlie—play a game in German.



Elaine Smith
Renee E. Smith
Renee M. Smith
Roger Smith
Shawna Sossong

Michele Spahr
Anthony Stager
Lisa Stager
Denise Stoker
Tracy Strayer

Kim Sweeney
Eugene Thomas
Kim Thomas
Ed Treese
Richard Vermeulin

Michael Vocco
Stewart Warner
Tracy Weaver
John Whitcomb
Tim Wodoslawsky

Melinda Wilson
Lori Wolford
Charles Wyandt
Denise Wytosick
Stanley Zock

Kevin Adams
Ken Bailey
Yvette Benko
Charles Benton
Eric Bobolsky



Cheryl Brown
Heather Jo Burns
Tracy Byers
Jamie Cadwallader
Ron Cadwallader



Linda Causer
Jeff Chappell
Keith Chappell
Mark Chappell
Melany Chobany



Harry Coleman
Richard Cordek
Melissa Crum
Tammy Crum
Tracie Crum



Wayne Crum
Kathy Custer
Raymond Dehaven
Tony DeLuca
Brian Diehl



Left: **EIGHTH GRADE CLASS OFFICERS**—Left to right: John Shuty— president; Rich Rylke—secretary; Karen Myer; vice-president; Renee Wilcox—treasurer. Above right: Mark Keith, Ray Foreman, and Louis Wills, gym bags in hand, head for the gym for one of their bi-weekly phys. ed. classes.



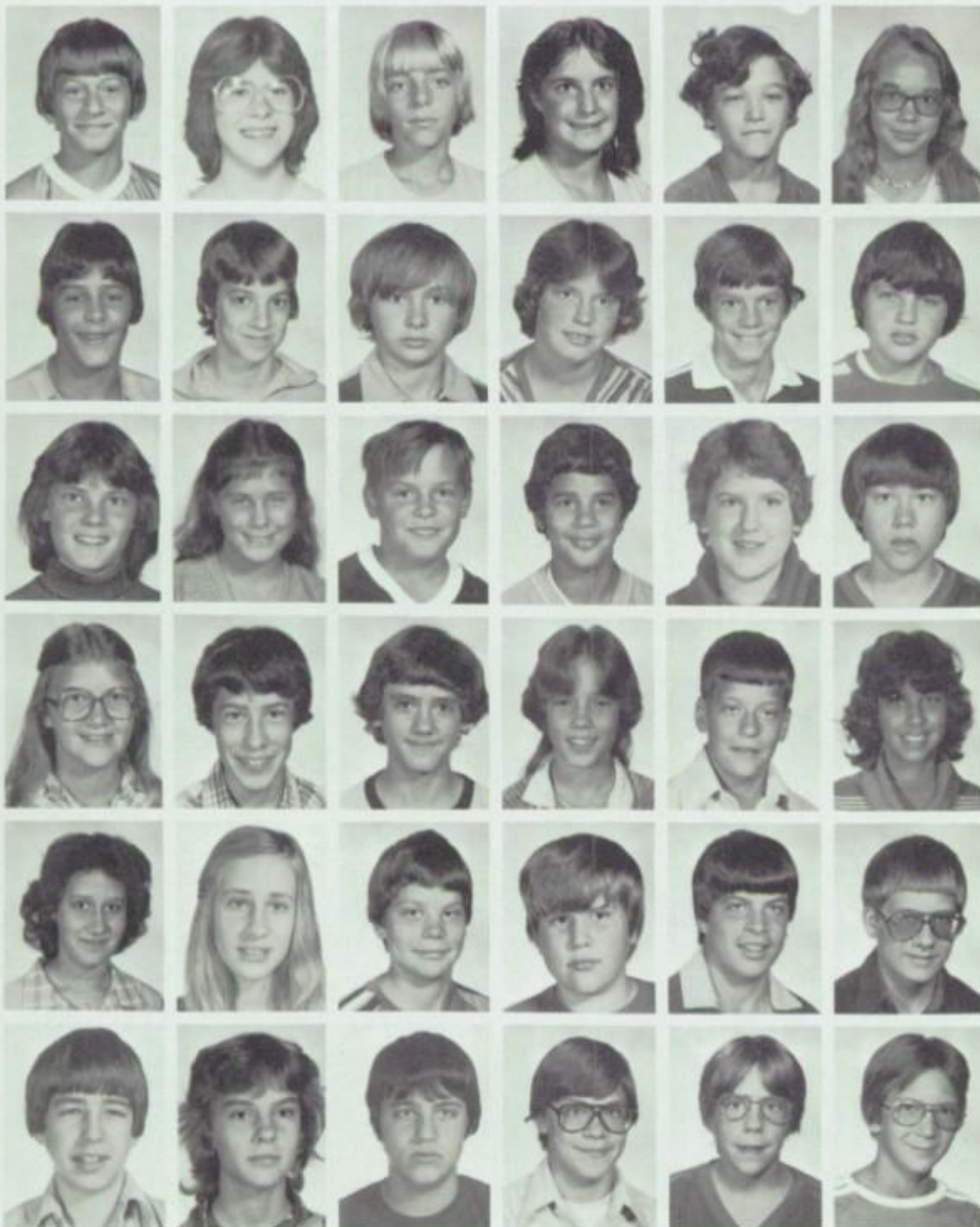


8th Grade Makes Adjustment To High School Life

Being an eighth grader at Portage Area involves making some adjustments. The primary adjustment involves becoming familiar with the layout and routine of the high school building. The first couple of weeks finds the average eighth grader scurrying up and down the halls in search of his locker, the gymnasium, the cafeteria, or his next classroom.

Eighth graders must also become acquainted with new teachers and some new or different subjects. Also there are a variety of clubs and extra-curricular activities in which these students may participate if they wish.

After a couple of hectic weeks, the eighth graders fit right into the new routine.



Rick Erickson
Michelle Etienne
Ted Farbaugh
Sandy Farren
Tim Feathers
Jeanine Fedorko

Raymond Foreman
Tim Forst
Michael Galla
Marcia Gallaher
Keith Gahagen
Bob George

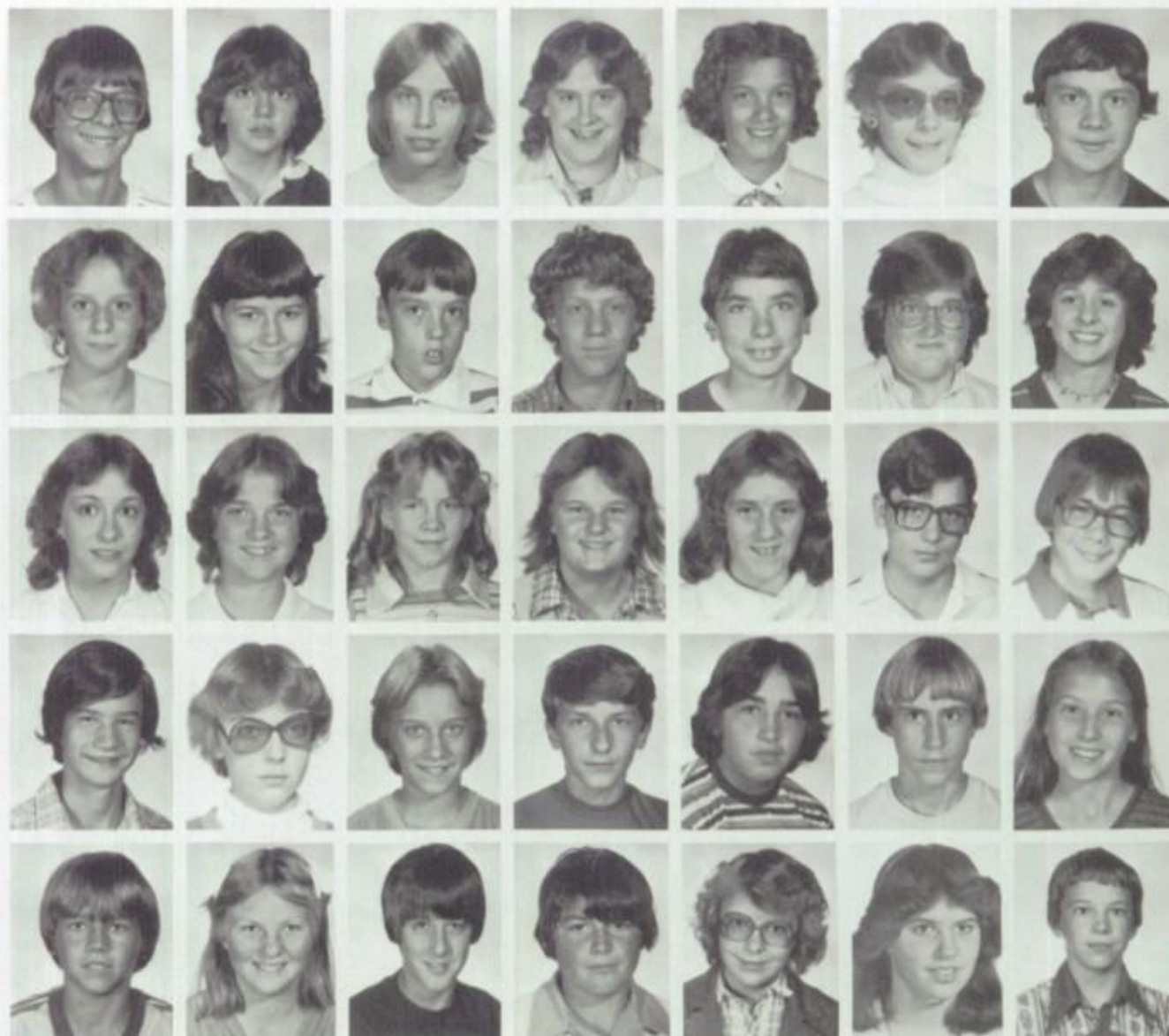
Debbie George
Kathy George
Tim George
Tony Girard
Gwen Gorba
Don Goughnour

Laurie Gouse
Fred Gray
Chester Hochrein
Rita Hodgson
Chris Hollop
Lynn Hopper

Michele Irvin
Samantha Jones
Mark Keith
Charles Kephart
Jeff Kissell
Bob Kodosky

Jim Konsavich
Kathy Krisko
Joe Kuisick
Richard Lee
Tom Leturgey
Greg Letzo

Tony Letzo
 Renee Macidyn
 Ron Mandichak
 Tina Mandichak
 Nanette Martinek
 Karen Mastaler
 Pete Maul
 Roxanne Maul
 Sherry Maul
 Bill Miller
 James Miller
 Jeff Miller
 Kristene Miller
 Dana Moyer
 Chris Mulhollen
 Karen Myher
 Lisa McCabe
 Sharon McCarthy
 Lisa McLucas
 Tracy McVicker
 Bill Nadolsky
 Ray Nagle
 Shelly Olshavsky
 Gayle Olszewski
 Scott Parizack
 Nicholas Pawluk
 David Petney
 Lisa Petney
 Wayne Pinos
 Carol Pisarski
 Christopher Pisarski
 Jeff Plummer
 Dawn Pomento
 Lisa Ritchey
 Thomas Robine



Top right: Mr. Yusko
 checks a homework as-
 signment in American
 Cultures I class. Right:
 Miss Covell supervises
 as two eighth graders
 work on a reading
 worksheet.

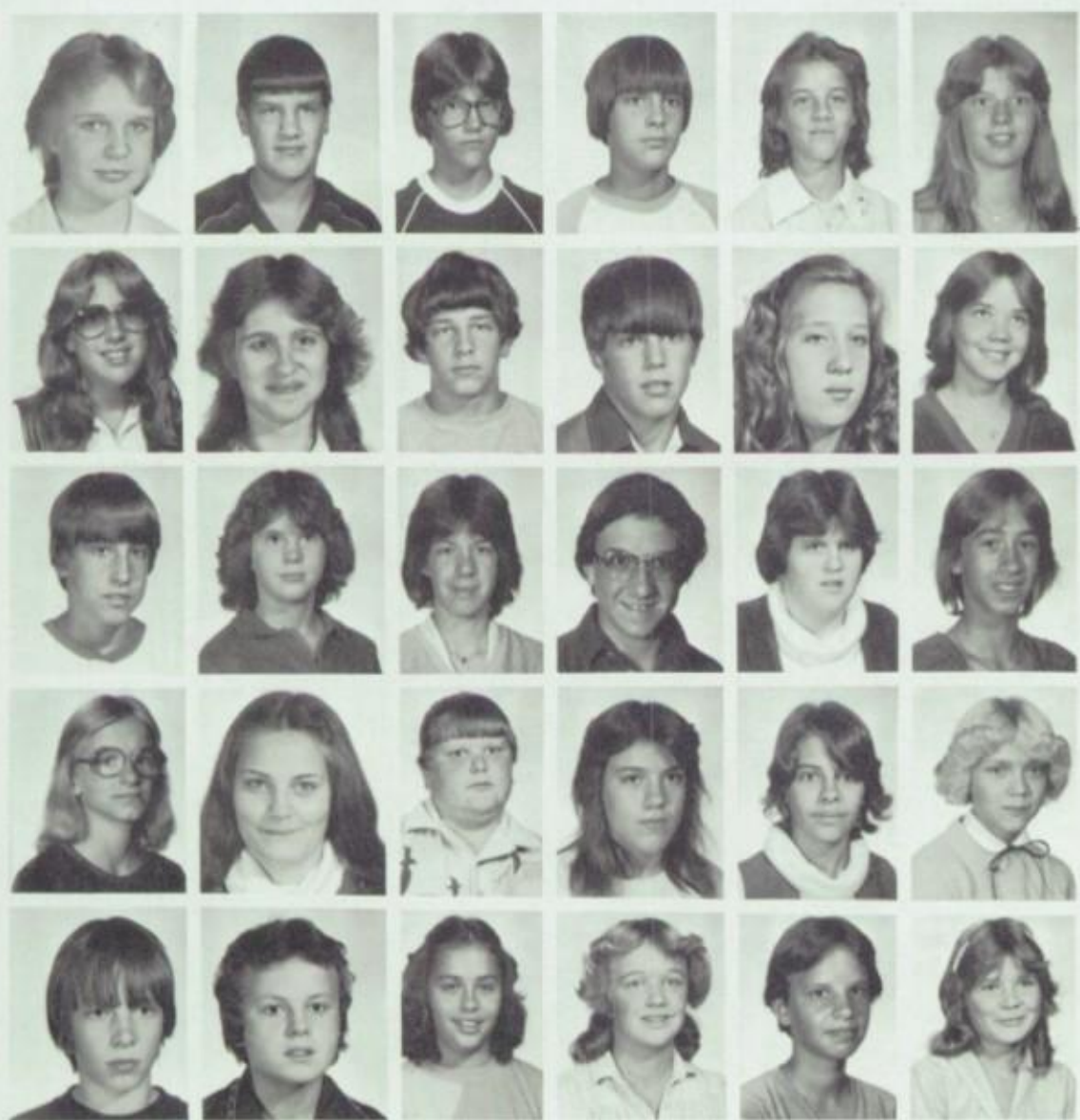




8th Graders Take Full Schedules

The schedule for eighth grade students is a full and challenging one. For the most part, the eighth grade course of study consists of prescribed classes. However, there are some electives such as band and chorus which are open to any eighth grader who wishes to enroll in them.

The mandatory class schedule for eighth graders includes courses in math, science, English, American Cultures I, physical education, art, music, and reading. This course load keeps the eighth graders quite busy.



Diane Rorabaugh
Brian Rosman
Teresa Rudolph
Richard Rylke
Tammy Schaffranek
Rhonda Schmidt

Elizabeth Selapack
Maria Serenko
Jeff Sherbine
Bob Shaw
Crystal Shockey
Shelly Shoff

John Shuty
Alicia Simala
Michelle Simmons
Ronald Smith
Kim Stager
Lisa Stager

Sue Stoke
Stephanie Stombaugh
Ivan Thomas
Susan Tigyer
Hope Walters
Renee Wilcox

Louis Wills
Mary Wills
Kristy Zabrosky
Kathy Zock
Debbie Zock
Karen Zock

*Photo not available for Gloria Miller.



SENIORS

The senior year in high school involves a flurry of activities. The climax of the senior year comes on graduation day. But, prior to graduation there are many other diversions which occupy the seniors' time. Sitting for senior portraits, ordering senior announcements, and being measured for caps and gowns are reserved for the final year of high school. Seniors also participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities for the last time. Their years of public education are quickly drawing to a close. They devote much time to raising money to help finance their senior trip and graduation. With all these activities comes the realization that they will "pass this way but once."



Far left: During the pep rallies, this "Super Seniors" sign was brought down to show the soaring senior spirits. Left: Our "Fruit of the Loom Guys," Carol Yogus, Michelle Hutchinson, Barb Whitcomb, and Charlene Chernenicky, perform a skit supporting our football players at the last pep rally. Below left: Bob Thompson, Jeff Sossong, Ray Nolan, Rick Schall, Henry Law and Steve Fedorko play a game of "peek-a-boo" behind the elementary school. Below: Pam Wilcox gazes up as she poses for the yearbook photographer.





CHARLIE
ADAMS



TAMMY
ALLISON



MICHAEL JOHN
ANDREWS



MARIANNE
BANDZUH



BARRY
BATDORF



MARK ALAN
BIER



GARY S.
BOAST



RICHARD E.
BOOTH



LARRY
BORECK



RONALD S.
BORECK

Class Officers And Sponsors Guide Seniors Through Final Year.

Perhaps the busiest group of people in any high school is the senior class. Seniors are involved in numerous activities. To guide them through this final year, the seniors depend upon the leadership of their class officers and class advisers.

The officers and advisers arranged the senior picture schedule, set up class meetings for senior selling projects, helped to select senior class announcements, and made plans for the senior class trip.

Although their responsibilities were sometimes extremely demanding, and they often put in some "hectic" days, the officers and advisers did an outstanding job in guiding the Class of '81 through their last high school days.





PAMALA LYNN
BURKETT



BILL CALDWELL



DONNA MARIE
CANAVAN



DAVID W.
CAURVINA



BILLIE MARIE
CERWENSKY



KEVIN JOHN
CHAPPELL



CHARLENE K.
CHERNICKY



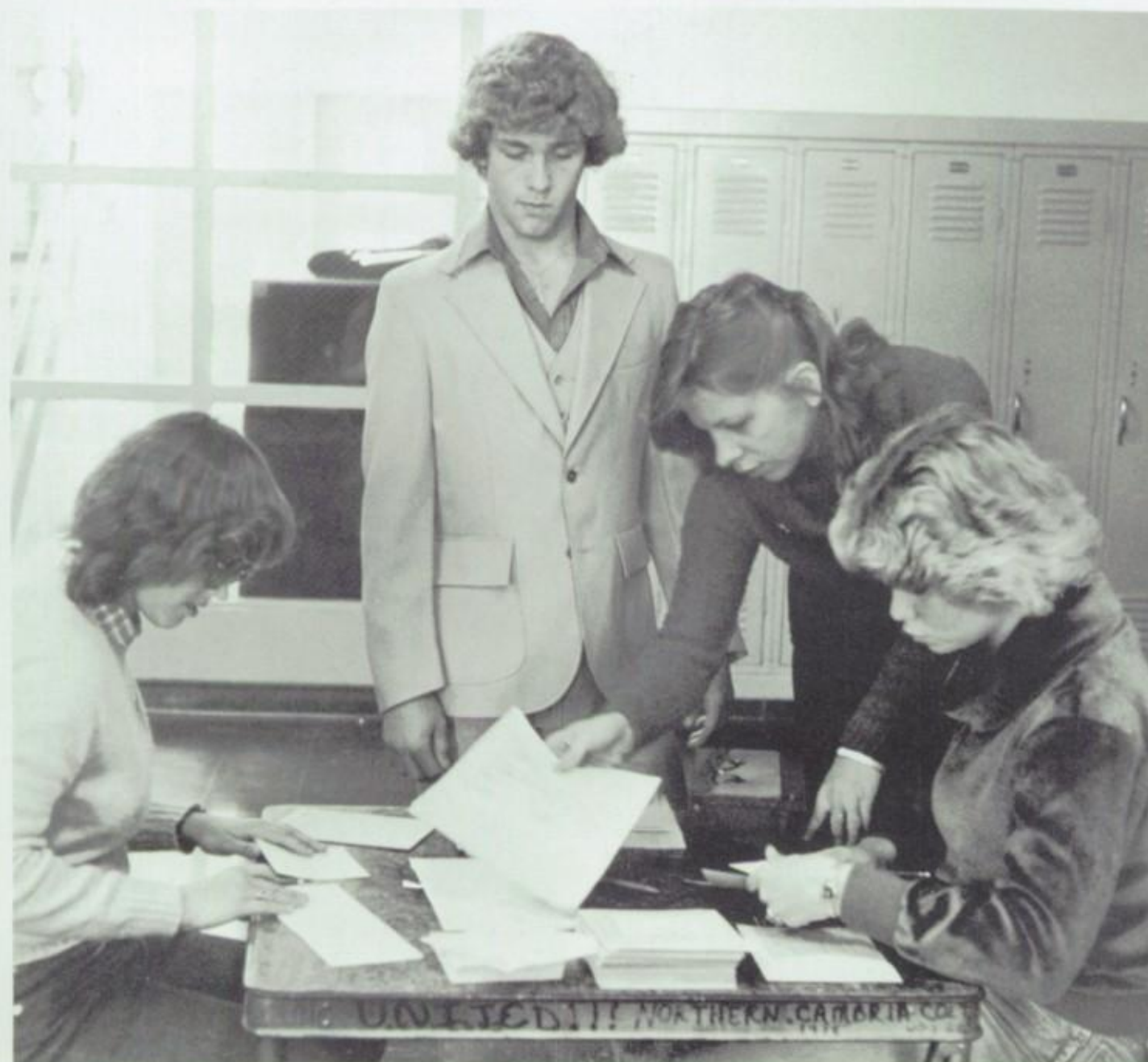
NANCY ANN
CHOBANY



JOE COUGHLIN



DAVE CRUM



Far left: Senior class officers and advisers—Kneeling: Renée Olszewski, vice-president; Danelle Szuhaj, president. Standing: Miss Jenkins, adviser; Bob Thompson, treasurer; Francine Shuty, secretary; Mr. Skomra, adviser. Left: Miss Jenkins goes over papers and forms with Francine Shuty and Renée Olszewski as Bill Caldwell sings up for his senior portrait sitting.

Graduating Becomes A Family Experience

Usually, parents attend graduation to see their son or daughter receive his or her diploma. However, for six families this year, graduation became a family affair. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spaid proudly attended graduation to see their twin daughters, Jane and Joan, graduate from PAHS on June 10.

Mrs. and Mrs. Joseph Stoke proudly watched as Bob and Bill, their twin sons, received their diplomas. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Boreck had the satisfaction of seeing their sons, Larry and Ron, receive diplomas during the same graduation exercise.

Lori and Mark Crum, children of Mrs. Dorothy Crum and the late John Crum, gave their mother a sense of gratification when they were awarded their diplomas. Cafeteria workers Mrs. Betty Richardson and Mrs. Bev Hutchinson proudly observed the graduation of their respective children, Tom Richardson and Michelle Hutchinson.

Attending graduation ceremonies is always a pleasure for parents. For the parents of these seniors, however, it provided a "double pleasure."



Top: Twins Jane and Joan Spaid. Left: Brother and sister Lori and Mark Crum. Above: Brothers Ron and Larry Boreck.



LORI CRUM



MARK CRUM



PAULA A. CRUM



KATHY A.
DeMATTEIS



MIKE DIEHL



KIRK DIVIDOCK



TRACY ELLIS



CATHY J.
FEATHERS



STEVE FEDORKO



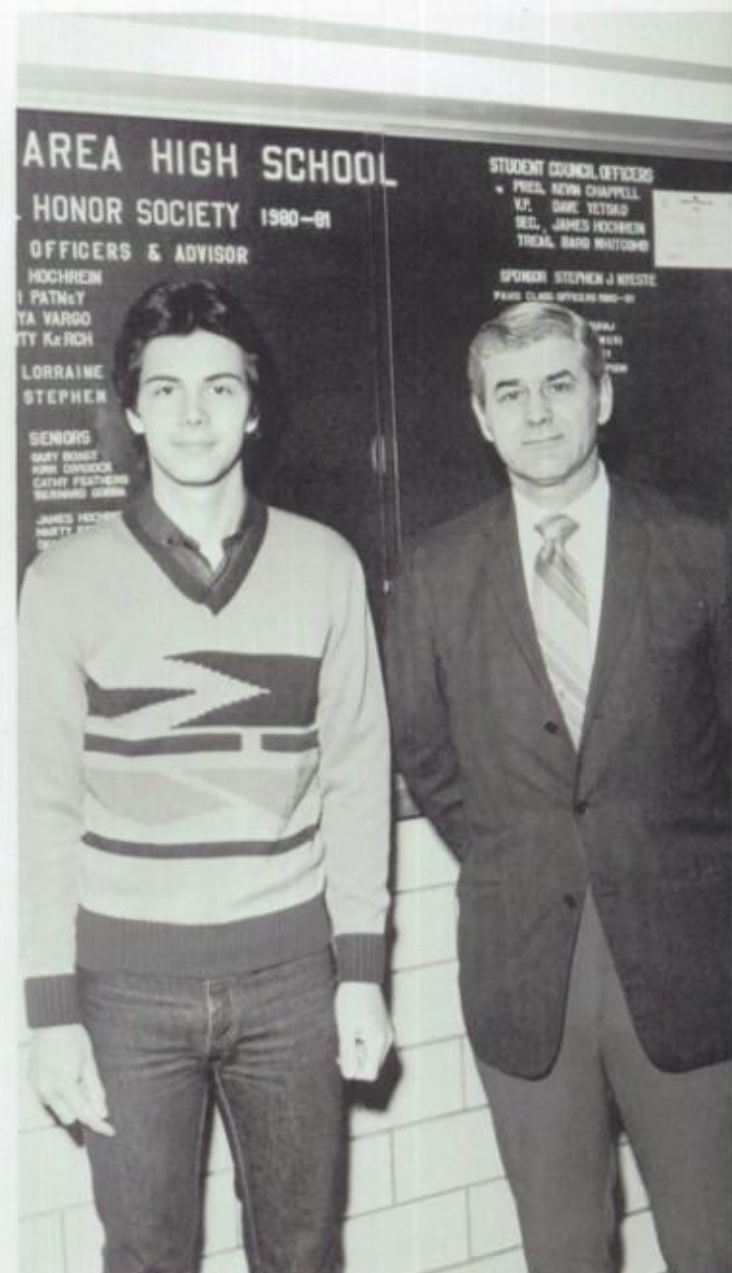
WILLIAM J.
FOREMAN



Above: Michelle Hutchinson and her mother Mrs. Bev Hutchinson and Tom Richardson and his mother Mrs. Betty Richardson. Above right: Twins Bob and Bill Stoke.



Faculty members proudly stand by their graduating seniors. Far right: Stephen Nyeste, Jr. and his father Mr. Stephen Nyeste, Sr. Right: Elementary teacher, Mrs. Joyce Vickroy and her daughter, Stacy Vickroy.



AMY T. FOX



DONALD FRANEY



DAVE FUZIE



KATHY ANN GALLAHER



ANGIE GEORGE



DAVID GIBSON



DEBBIE M. GIBSON



BERNIE GORBA



WILLIAM EARL GORDON



BRUCE P. GOSSARD



RONALD N.
HANDEL



JANE ELAINE
HANEY



GREGORY
HANNA



ADAULPHINE
HARRISON



BRIAN S.
HERSHBERGER



JAMES HOCHREIN



SUSAN HOPPER



AMY DAWN
HOUGH



MICHELLE MARIE
HUTCHINSON



MICHAEL P.
KEARNEY



Above: Ed Layo and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Layo.

Faculty Parents Proud Of Their Graduating Seniors.

For a student, being educated in a school district in which his father or mother is a member of the faculty, staff, or administration can be a unique experience. That student often has to bear the brunt of such unkind accusations as, "You only get A's because your mom's a teacher," or "You only got a part in the school play because your dad works for the school."

Three seniors in the class of 1981 are children of school district employees. Over the years, they have adjusted to being a "teacher's kid." And they have now become members of the senior class.

These three seniors, Ed Layo, Steve Nyeste, Jr., and Stacy Vickroy, have brought a much pride and satisfaction to their parents who are employees of the Portage Area School District.



MARTIN SCOTT
KERCH



SHRYLE KICK



CHRISTINE
KISSELL



KENNETH A.
KISSELL



LEO KLEIN



TERRY KLEIN



MARCIE KNAPKO



SCOTT KOPNICKY



RICHARD
KOWALCZYK

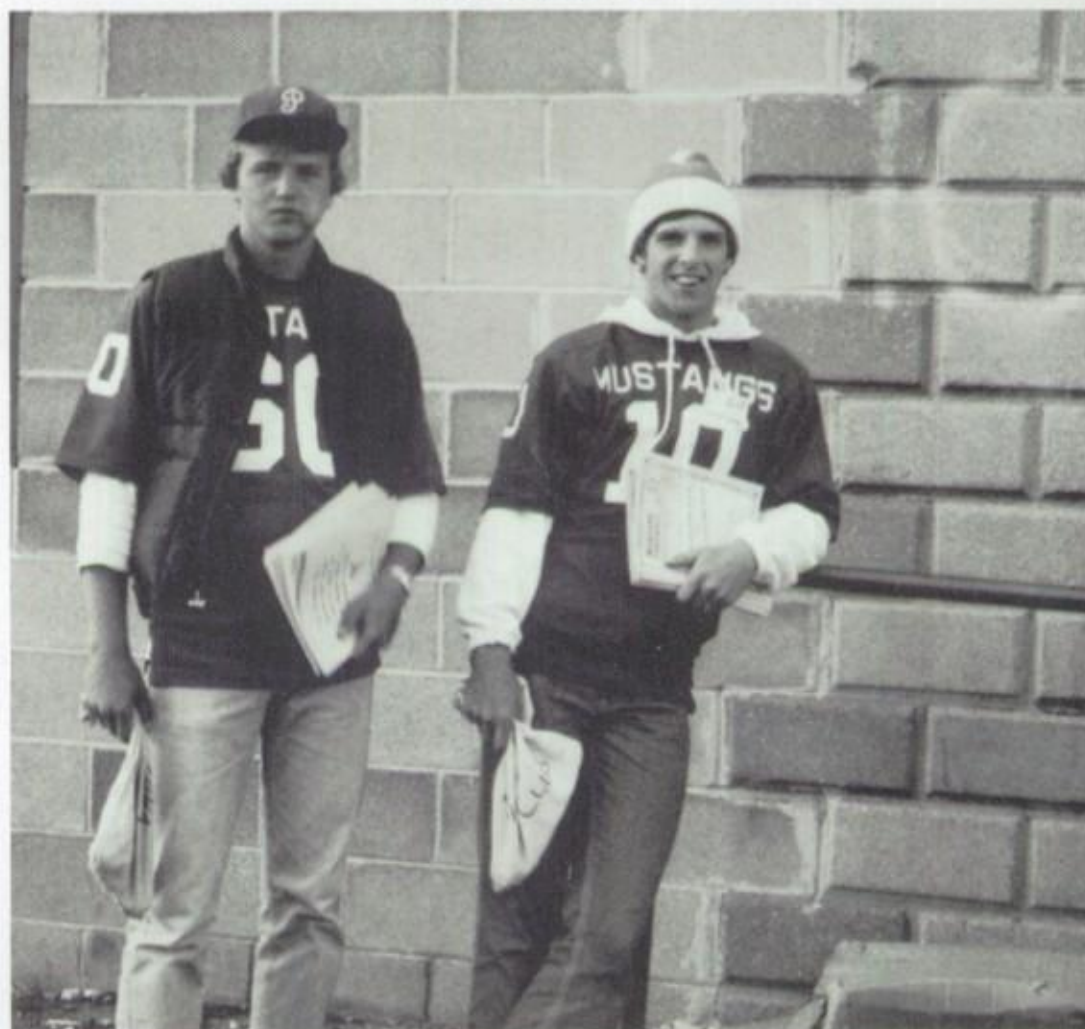


RENEE KRINJECK

Seniors Enjoy Final High School Days

The senior year at PAHS turned out to be both memorable and enjoyable for the members of the Class of '81. They shared the traditional "senior" experiences—getting senior pictures, ordering announcements, being measured for caps and gowns, and going on the class trip.

Most of all, these students simply enjoyed whatever each day brought, whether it was congregating at the park, "studying" together at the library, selling sports' programs, or wearing blue and silver on Senior Color Day.



Above: Gary Murray and Ted Nesbella look as if they are going to enjoy selling football programs at one of the varsity football games.



Left: Cathy Phillips and Francine Shuty spend a day in the park with some of the other members of the senior class. Below: Why is it so hard to believe that Kathy Gallaher, Donna Canavan, Angie George and Lori Pollock are really studying in the library?



ROBERT J. KRULL



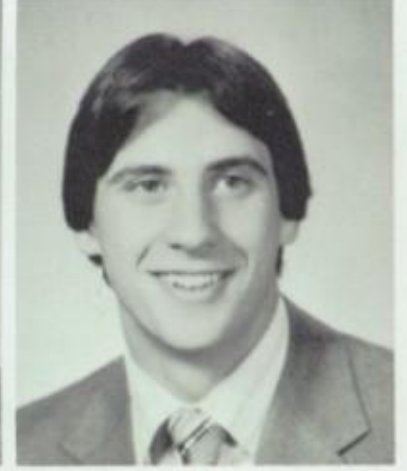
DAVE KUISICK



DENISE LATOCHE



HENRY SCOTT
LAW



EDWARD SCOTT
LAYO



KYLE DOUGLAS
LESLIE



JOSEPH T.
LETURGEY



MICHAEL P.
LETURGEY



JOE LITZINGER



WILLIAM W.
MAUL

Seniors Look Back To Memories Of High School Years

Being a senior involves looking toward the future. But, it is also an occasion for some nostalgic memories of a senior's high school years. Seventh grade found the Class of 1981 being housed in the new elementary-middle school complex. Eighth grade brought them into the high school with its new subjects and teachers.

The freshman, sophomore, and junior years brought an abundance of new experiences both in and out of the classroom. Students became involved with sports and extra-curricular activities. Their classes became more diverse and more challenging.

Now, at last, this group of students has reached its ultimate goal—they have become "seniors." However, they still retain those precious memories of past high school years.



JEFFREY ALAN
MICHAELS



ANITA MILLER



EDWARD M.
MILLER



KATHY MILLER



TIMOTHY D.
MILLER



GARY R.
MURRAY



RANDY L. MYERS



TIM McCONEGHY



WAYNE
McQUILLEN



THOMAS LYMAN
McVICKER II



Far left: Our leaders of "yesteryear" — 8th grade homeroom presidents. Dave Yetsko and Annette Scoran, sitting; Rick Booth and Henry Law, standing. Left: Remember the days when boys were small enough to fit into lockers? Did Teresa Walls ever find out what Tom J. Zock was doing in her locker? Below left: Tom Nagy, as an underclassman, has always taken pride in his musical talents. Below: As we look back to our underclassmen years, we have undergone many changes. Do you recognize any faces? If not, here they are (bottom to top)—Tom Richardson, Patty Oklamchak, Leo Klein, Terry Klein, and Tom M. Zock.



Right: Keystone Girls State representative—Liz Troxell; State Police Youth Week representatives—Henry Law and Marty Kerch; Keystone Boys State representatives—Dave Yetsko and Kevin Chappell (absent from photo).



THOMAS C.
NAGY



THEODORE J.
NESBELLA



RAYMOND G.
NOLAN



STEPHEN J.
NYESTE



PATRICIA A.
OKLAMCHAK



RENEE
OLSZEWSKI



SHERRY L.
OSWALT



PATRICK C.
PANEK



JANICE K. PANICK



LORI B. PATNEY



RONALD
PETRUNAK



CATHY PHILLIPS



JEFF PINOS



GREGORY M.
PISKARSKI



LORI A. POLLOCK



RICHARD J.
POLLOCK



BRETT A.
RANDALL



BRENDA L. REED



CARL
RICHARDSON



GREG
RICHARDSON

Seniors Honored

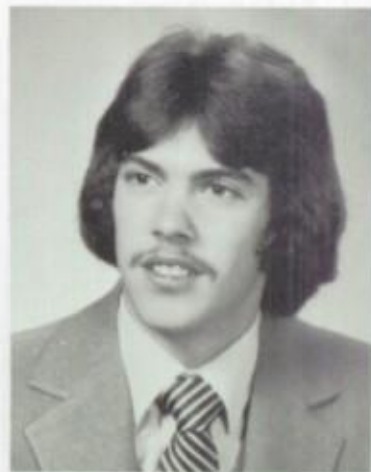
Six seniors at Portage Area have received distinctive honors. Two boys, Dave Yetsko and Kevin Chappell, attended the American Legion Keystone Boys State Week held at Millersville State College from June 22-28, 1980. From June 15-21, 1980, Liz Troxell represented the American Legion Post 430 during Keystone Girls State Week at Shippensburg State College. Keystone State is an annual week long affair which concentrates on the functions of city, county, and state governments.

The American Legion State Police Youth Week was held from June 29- July 5, 1980, at the Hershey State Police Academy. Selected as representatives from PAHS were Henry Law and Marty Kerch. For one week, these two young men went through training and were treated as if they were state police cadets.

Linda Teno has earned the distinctive honor of being chosen to attend State Chorus in Hershey in January and All-Eastern United States Chorus in New York in March. For Linda to reach the state level, she had to compete in both district and regional chorus. Since she was rated in the top 5 of her group at the regional level, she received an application for All-Eastern Chorus. From 800 applications submitted, only 425 students were selected for All-Eastern Chorus. So, indeed, it is an honor for Linda to represent PAHS at both of these festivals.



Above: Linda Teno represented PAHS at State Chorus and All-Eastern United States Chorus.



THOMAS
RICHARDSON



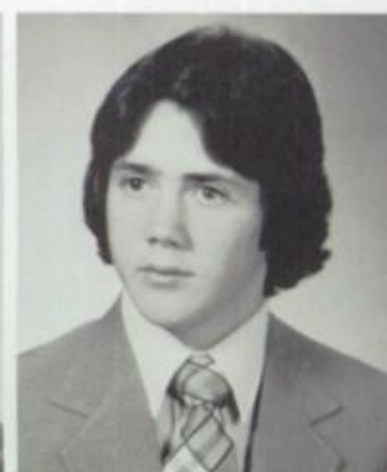
RAYMOND P.
SCARTON



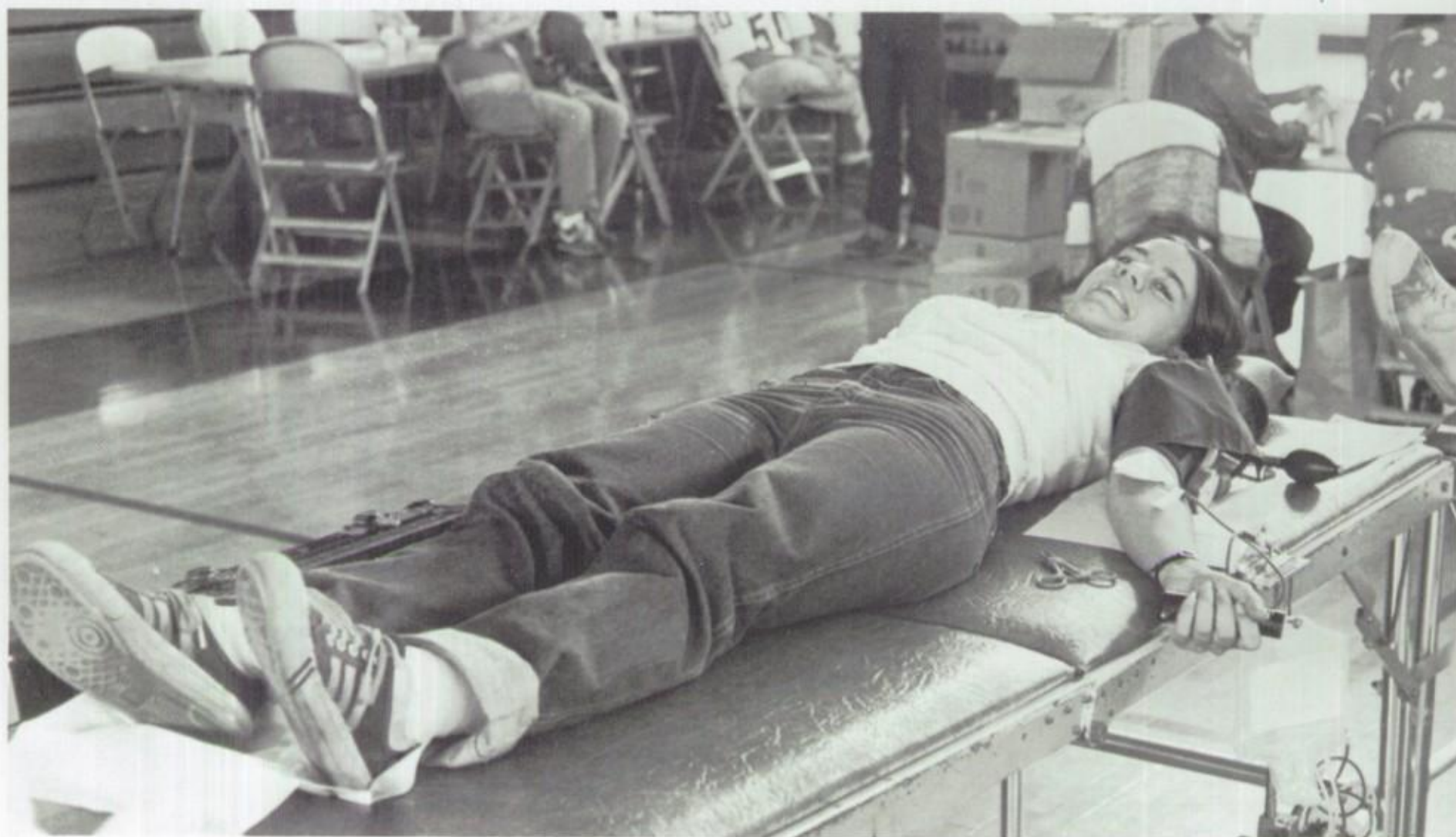
ERIC SCHALL



ANNETTE M.
SCORAN



TODD A. SHOFF



Seniors: Do You Remember The Day - - -

Senior's are quite unpredictable. Who will ever forget the day that some of the senior football players decided that they should enjoy a brief escape from the rigors of high school life and experience a fleeting return to the world of an elementary school where students still have recess?

What about the day that Mr. Vrabel gave the seniors a test on Greek classics and some "Greeks," dressed in "authentic" togas, in the twentieth century mode, came to class to take the test?

Then there was the traumatic experience of being a first time blood donor. After each of these brave seniors had donated their pint of blood, they claimed there was nothing to it, but some of them certainly looked worried while being "drained."

These and many other experiences will remain safely filed in the memories of those seniors who made the most of their last year at PAHS.





Far left: Throughout the year, students have the opportunity to donate blood. One of the students who donated blood was Elaine Haney. Below left: Danielle Szuhaj and Liz Troxell dress the a toga party given by Mr. Vrabel in his Senior English classes. It was truly a dithyrambic affair. Left: Steve Fedorko, Bob Thompson, Eric Schall, and Ray Nolan enjoy a few moments on the elementary playground.



FRANCINE SHUTTY



KEVIN L.
SIEDLARCZYK



CHERYL
SIMMONS



TRACY SINCLAIR



CHARLES
SLEBODNICK



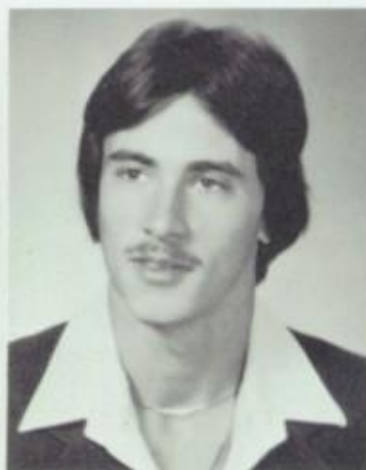
MARK
SLEBODNICK



BRENDA J. SMITH



SONDRA L.
SMITH



JOSEPH SOPATA



JEFFREY D.
SOSSONG



MELINDA
SOSSONG



JANE A. SPAID



JOAN A. SPAID



KATHLEEN
LYNNE STAGER



TRISHA A.
STAGER



ROBERT A.
STOKE



WILLIAM M.
STOKE



CHRISTINA K.
STOMBAUGH



DANELLE A.
SZUHJ



LAURA
TAVERNINI

Seniors Anticipate Graduation Day

June 10, 1980. Graduation Day. The long awaited day will finally arrive. One-hundred forty-six seniors will proudly don the traditional caps and gowns, will file into the PAHS auditorium to the music of "Pomp and Circumstance," and will take their respective places on the stage.

Within the hour, these seniors will listen to some parting words from their fellow classmates and some of the school administrators, be awarded their coveted diplomas, and march out of the auditorium. Their public education will have reached its conclusion with the completion of these graduation exercises.



Above: Seniors chose class mementoes. The white rose is their class flower, and their class colors are blue and silver.



Left: Ron Handel adjusts Kathy Gallaher's hat as these two seniors try on graduation caps and gowns in anticipation of graduation ceremonies.



ROBERT
TAVERNINI



LINDA ANN
TENNO



ROBERT B.
THOMPSON



ELIZABETH ANNE
TROXELL



GREG TWIGGS



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Above: Renée Olszewski, Tracy Ellis, Francine Shutty, and Dena Vrabel shed tears of joy and sadness during half-time ceremonies on Senior Night. The junior members of the Varsity Cheerleading Squad honored the senior members by presenting them with roses.



Seniors Recognized On Senior Night

Mixed emotions prevailed on the evening of October 31, 1980. This evening marked the annual event commonly known as Senior Night. Not only was this evening the last home football game, but also it was the last time the senior football players would play together; this was the last time the senior cheerleaders would cheer for a football game; this was the last time the senior band members and senior majorettes would perform a half-time show.

The finality of the festivities during senior night brought both joy and sadness to the seniors. There was the feeling of the joy of being a senior and being recognized for accomplishments; there was also the feeling of sadness of being aware that before long, the members of the Class of 1981 would graduate and pursue individual goals.



Top: Amy Fox stands proudly with her parents during half-time festivities on Senior Night. Senior band members were presented with their band jackets by their parents. Above: Joe Coughlin, Bob Krull, Henry Law, and Ed Layo look very solemn as they are honored at their last game of the season.



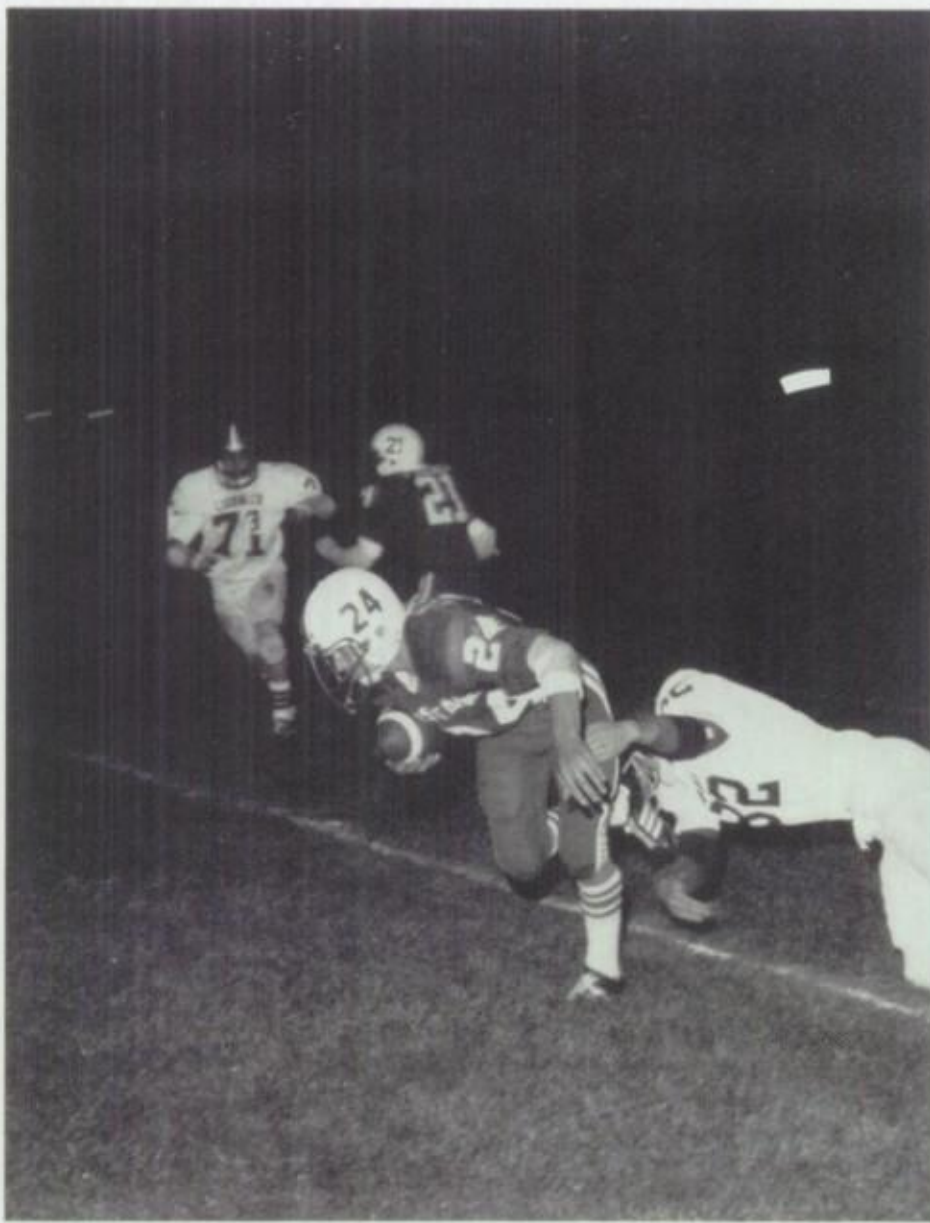
SPORTS

For many students, participation in high school sports is both a thrilling and exhilarating experience. Through playing a sport, a student learns how to cope with victory and how to accept defeat. Being involved in a sport, a student learns not only the basic rules of that sport but also such important assets as the value of sportsmanship and teamwork. The relationships which develop among the participants in a sport are unique ones which can never be forgotten.



Far left: Karen Spaid and a member of the opposing team vie for a jump ball during a girls basketball game in the PAHS game. Left: Cheerleaders Dena Vrabel and Teresa Walls help to cheer on the Mighty Mustangs. Below left: John Myher, varsity basketball player, positions to shoot for two points. Below: Jeff Sosong fights to make first down yardage but is tackled by four defensive players from Ligonier.





Above: Matt Kleman attempts to evade a tackle as he carries the ball for the Mustangs. Above right: The Mustangs traditionally charge onto the field before each game as their loyal fans cheer them on. Right: **MUSTANG FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF**—Left to right: Doug Conlon, Junior High Head Coach; Gary Gouse, Assistant Varsity Coach; Vic Campaigna, Head Varsity Coach; Don Timura, Assistant Varsity Coach; Adam Skomra, Assistant Junior High Coach.



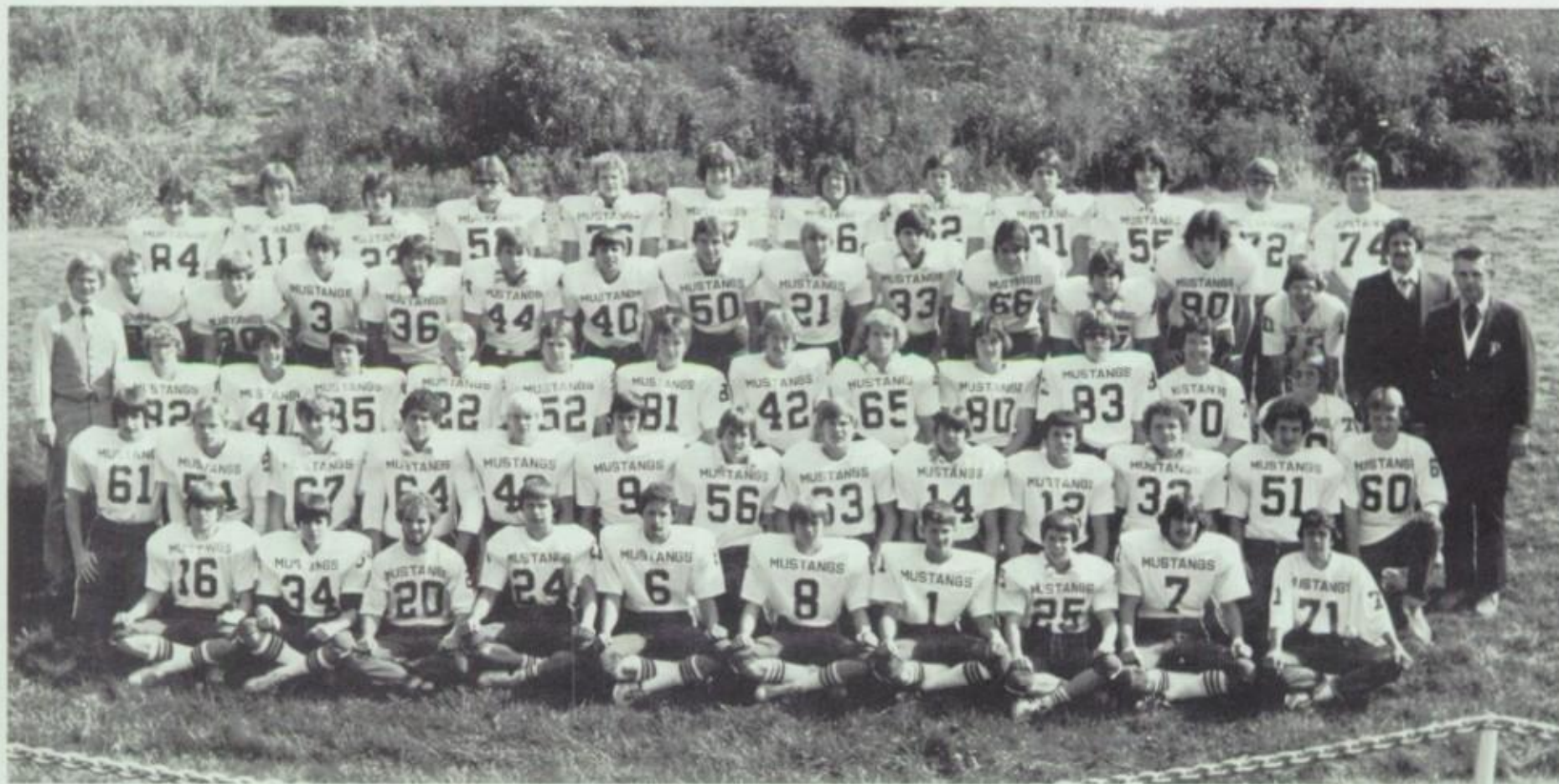


Varsity Mustangs Proudly Boast 8-0-2 Season

For the third time in the history of the Portage Area Schools, the Varsity Football Team has completed an undefeated season. After a starting record of two ties, one with arch rival Forest Hills and the other with Northern Cambria, the Mighty Mustangs could not be contained. Offensively, they scored a total of 200 points in their eight remaining games while the defense only allowed 53 points to be scored by their opponents.

The Varsity team devoted countless hours of back breaking, rigorous practice and training to make this year's team so successful. According to head coach, Vic Campagna, these boys "deserved what they achieved this year because they worked the hardest of any team I've coached here in ten years."

The dedicated work and the outstanding sportsmanship displayed by the team has brought a sense of pride to the entire school and to the community.



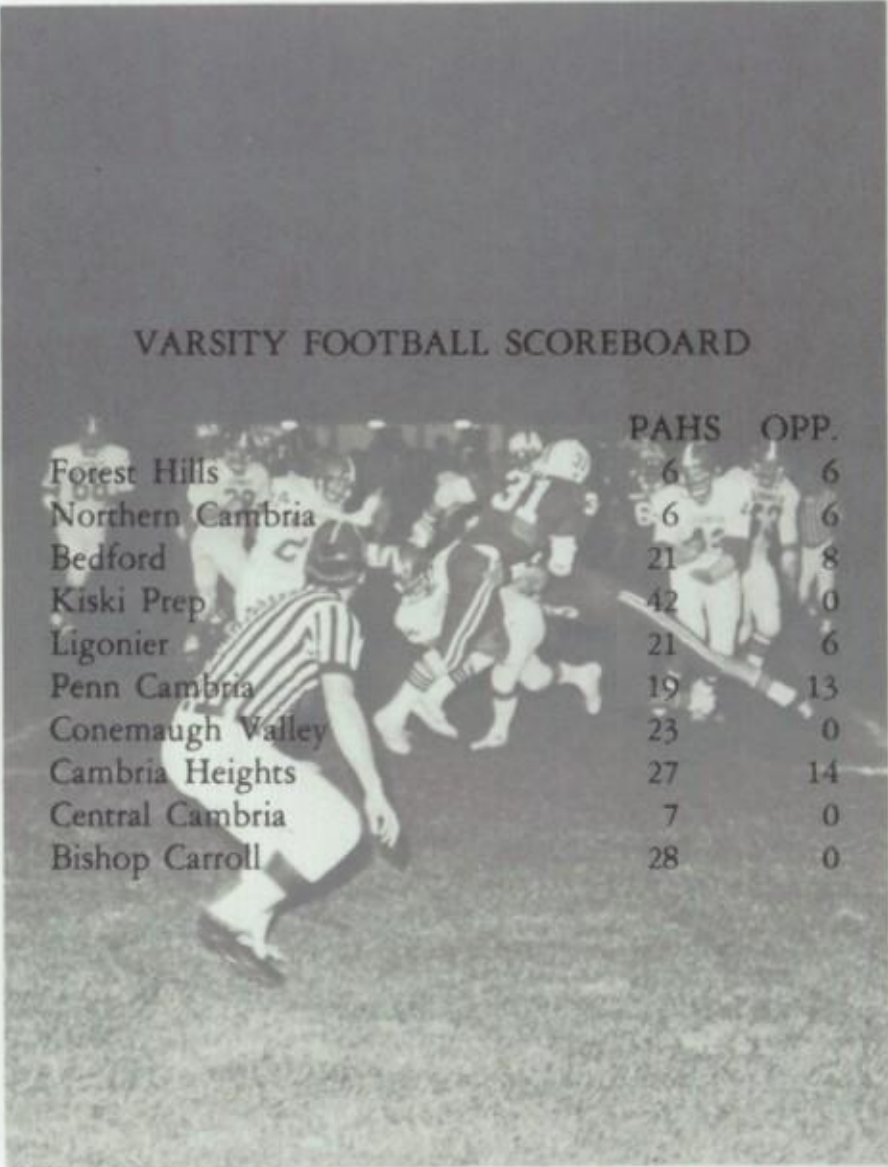
VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM—Left to right, row 1: Larry Michaels, Kevin Lazor, Bob Thompson, Matt Kleman, Ed Raptosh, Jimmy Michaels, Walter Fox, Mike Helsel, Rick Shaffer, Lance Benko. Row 2: Frank Jubara, Joe Kalinoski, Darren Moore, Rob Wolford, Larry Baker, Ed Myers, Tim Price, Ray Lee, Tom Maloskey, Bill Corrente, Paul Chobany, Ray George, Gary Murray. Row 3: Gary Gouse—assistant coach; Bob Krull, Bob Adams, Rick Davis, Mark Nolan, Steve Krisko, Kyle Leslie, Jeff Sossong, Todd Shoff, Carl Richardson, Bill Furtkevic, Ed Miller, Don Timura—assistant coach. Row 4: Mike Andrews, Mike Farren, Vince Rylke, Eric Schall, Craig Zaman, Ray Nolan, Kevin Chappell, Jeff Michaels, Kirk Dividock, Mike Kunko, Henry Law, Bruce Thomas, Ted Nesbella, Vic Campagna—head coach. Row 5: Dan Tigyer, Bernie Gorba, Joe Sopata, Wayne McQuillen, Dave Yetsko, Rick Booth, Charlie Adams, Marty Kerch, Ed Layo, Tim McConeghy, Phil Zdunczyk, Steve Fedorko. Absent from photo: Jim Fryzlewicz, Bill Caldwell, Joe Coughlin.

Undefeated Varsity Mustangs Feted At Awards' Banquet

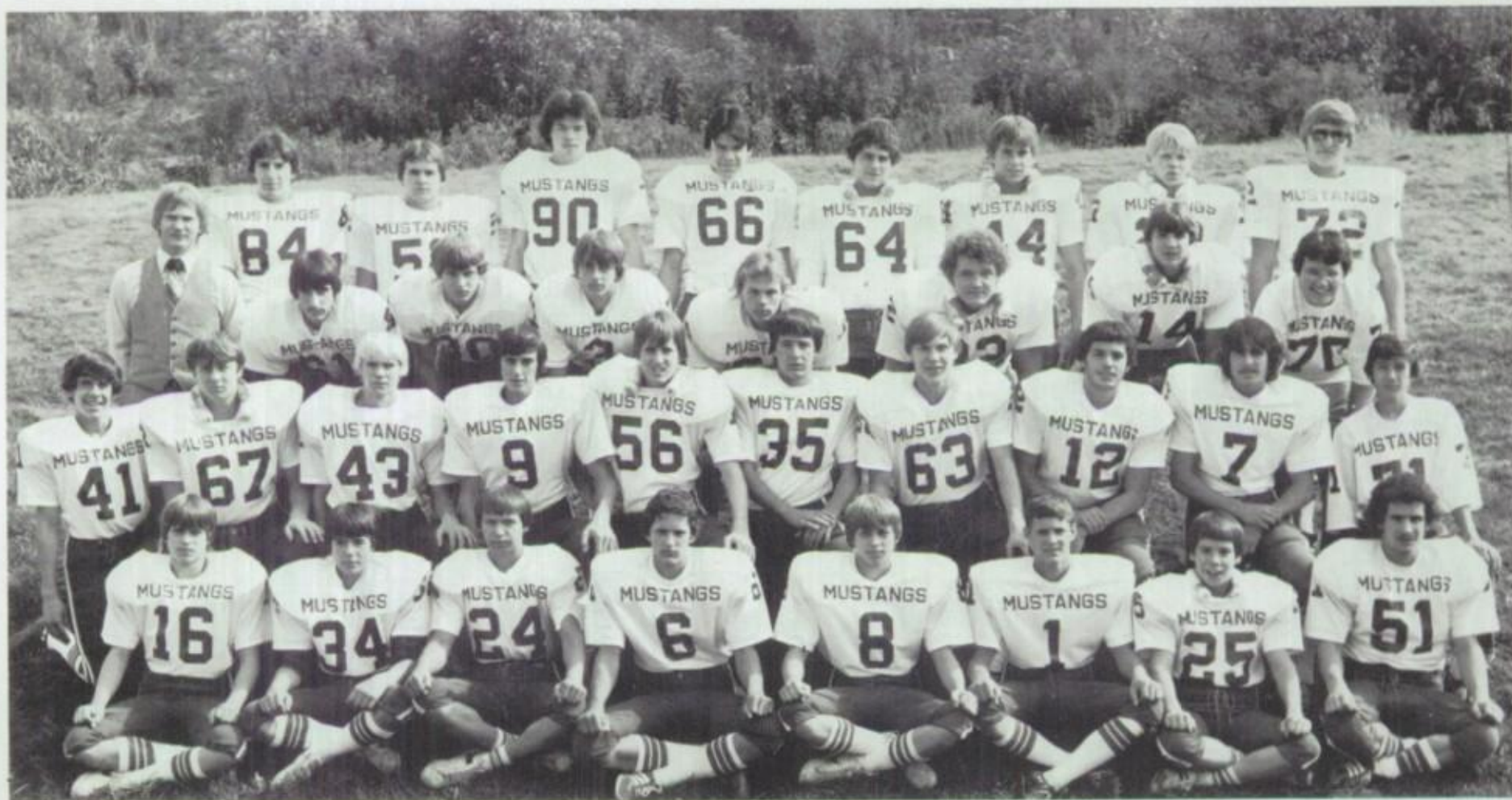
To demonstrate their pride in the undefeated Varsity Football Team, the Portage Area Football Booster Club honored the coaches and the team with a dinner on Saturday, November 15, 1980. At this banquet, two local businesses presented individual trophies to all players, and Michael Harrison, chairman of the Portage Area School Board's Athletic Committee, presented each member with a jacket. Vince Furtkevic, president of the Portage Area Jaycees, presented a team trophy to the captains.

The Booster Club presented each senior member of the team with a trophy. Special awards were given to four senior team members—Rick Booth, Marty Kerch, Ed Layo, and Bernie Gorba.

VARSITY FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD



	PAHS	OPP.
Forest Hills	6	6
Northern Cambria	6	6
Bedford	21	8
Kiski Prep	42	0
Ligonier	21	6
Penn Cambria	19	13
Conemaugh Valley	23	0
Cambria Heights	27	14
Central Cambria	7	0
Bishop Carroll	28	0



JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM—Left to right, row 1: Larry Michaels, Kevin Lazor, Matt Kleman, Ed Raptosh, Jimmy Michaels, Walter Fox, Mike Helsel, Ray George. Row 2: Bob Adams, Darren Moore, Larry Baker, Ed Myers, Tim Price, Rick Davis, Ray Lee, Bill Corrente, Rick Shaffer, Lance Benko. Row 3: Gary Gouse, coach; Frank Jubara, Mike Farren, Vince Rylke, Joe Kalinosky, Paul Chobany, Tom Maloskey, Bill Furtkevic. Row 4: Dan Tigyer, Steve Krisko, Bruce Thomas, Mike Kunko, Rob Wolford, Craig Zaman, Mark Nolan, Phil Zdunczyk.

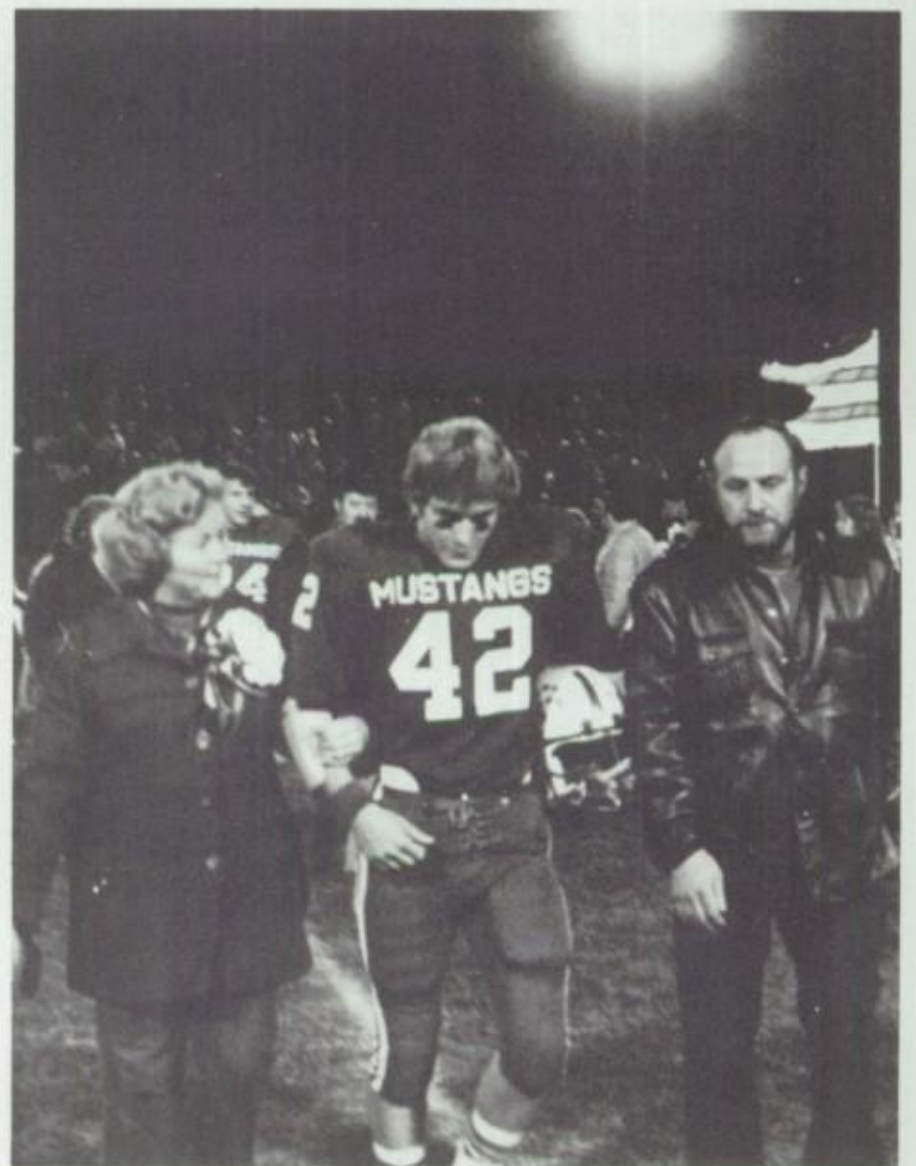


Left—Football Award Winners: Rick Booth, American Legion Post 430 Outstanding Defensive Award; Marty Kerch, Tribune-Democrat 1980 Player-Scholarship Award; Ed Layo, Southern Alleghenies Coaches' Association Outstanding Offensive Award and American Legion Post 430 Outstanding Offensive Award; Bernie Gorba, Southern Alleghenies Coaches' Association Outstanding Defensive Award and American Legion Post 430 Outstanding Offensive Award. Below: Jeff Michaels and Bob Thompson place a "Forest Hills Ranger" on top of the wood pile as they prepare for the annual bonfire.

J.V. FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

	PAHS	OPP.
Forest Hills	0	6
Penn Cambria	0	6
Central Cambria	20	12
Cambria Heights	6	0
Ligonier Valley	12	8
Bishop McCort	0	16
North Star	8	0
Central	13	8





Top right: Kevin Chappell and his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Audren Chappell are presented to the spectators on Parents' Night. Top: The Michaels' brothers, Larry, Jim, and Jeff, and their parents Mr. & Mrs. Tom Michaels, are announced on Parents' Night. Above: Jeff Sossong escorts his parents Mr. & Mrs. Ron Sossong onto the field at half-time on Parents' Night. Above left: Mr. & Mrs. Ed Fox proudly walk onto the field with their son Walter.



Members Of Football Team Honor Parents

Friday night, October 24, 1980, was a special evening for the parents of the players on the Mustang Football Team. The team members proudly escorted their parents onto the football field during half-time ceremonies.

Parents' Night gives the football players the opportunity to demonstrate their love and appreciation to their parents. Playing football is a demanding and rigorous job. It is the parents of the players who give these young men much of the support, encouragement and understanding which is so important to them. The players realize the role that their parents play, and they let their parents know this on Parents' Night.



JR. HIGH FOOTBALL TEAM—Left to right, row 1: Don Gouse, Tim Riskus, Neil Glista, Tim Fuzie, Doug Pauley, Rich Vermeulin, Mike Solarczyk, Robert Fox, Dean McCabe, Bill Klein, Joe Krisko. Row 2: Tony Stager, Danny Plummer, Mike Koeningsberg, Tom Branas, Ralph Scoran, Tom Riskus, Charles Plummer, Allen Brown, Ron Maul, Pat Flynn. Row 3: Pete Maul, Chet Hochrein, Ken Bailey, Jeff Plummer, Bob Kodosky, Tony Letzo, Rich Rylke, Joe Kuisick, Dave Petney, Mike Pinos, Eric Bobolsky. Row 4: Russ Gouse, Greg Makosky, Brad McCabe, Mike Flynn, Mark Oshaben, Ron Swires, Ed Gibson, Andy Teno, Dave Klemans, Bob Chappell, George Fetsko, Kevin Gressick. Row 5: Robert Kelly, Kevin Myers, Adam Skomta-coach.

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM—Counterclockwise: Chris Borlie, Denise Wright, Terry Chappell, Nancy Chobany, Kathy Stager, Sue Ellis, Gary Yusko—head coach, Robyn Adams, Lori Patney, Sue Bryja, Shari Davis, Karen Spaid, Jackie Szuhaj. Center: Michele Koza. Below right: Head girls basketball coach Gary Yusko gives his team members a pep talk during a time out.



VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

	PAHS	OPP.
Laurel Valley	54	13
Cambria Heights	36	28
Penn Cambria	47	28
Ferndale	37	39
Bedford	58	37
Forest Hills	54	51
Central Cambria	33	37
Conemaugh Valley	56	18
Bishop Carroll	42	68
Laurel Valley	73	18
Cambria Heights	70	27
Penn Cambria	64	41
Ferndale	40	46
Central Cambria	43	49
Bedford	60	36
Forest Hills	36	41
Bishop Carroll	52	62
Conemaugh Valley	52	34





Girls Basketball Team Concludes 12-6 Season

With a season record of 12 wins and 6 losses, the Varsity Girls Basketball Team completed a successful season. One important facet of their success was teamwork. The girls put forth fine individual efforts. They were a well-disciplined group of players.

The girls were guided by the capable coaching of Gary Yusko. Robyn Adams led the team in scoring with 268 points, and she also had the most assists (84). Nancy Chobany had the most rebounds (213) while Kathy Stager had the most steals (57).



Top: Robyn Adams looks for a receiver for the basketball. Above: Kathy Stager skillfully moves the ball down court in hopes of scoring two more points for the Mustangs.

J.V. Girl Cagers Reign Undefeated

This year, the Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Team ended the 1980 season with an undefeated record. Coached by Miss Annette Kiel, the J.V. team applied the basketball fundamentals which they had learned as members of the junior high team.

The J.V. team consisted of an enthusiastic, determined group of spirited players. Sue Bryja was high scorer with 127 points. Shari Davis was outstanding as leading rebounder (73), having the most assists (80), and having the most steals (53).

J.V. GIRLS BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

	PAHS	OPP.
Laurel Valley	32	11
Cambria Heights	39	17
Penn Cambria	34	23
Ferndale	40	21
Bedford	25	18
Forest Hills	22	14
Central Cambria	39	16
Conemaugh Valley	55	19
Bishop Carroll	22	21
Laurel Valley	27	2
Cambria Heights	35	20
Penn Cambria	24	13
Ferndale	22	10
Central Cambria	19	6
Bedford	22	14
Forest Hills	15	13
Bishop Carroll	14	8
Conemaugh Valley	48	8



Above: Jackie Szuhaj deftly hurls a basketball toward the basket in an attempt to add another point to the Mustang score.



Left: Karen Spaid, in possession of the ball, tries to evade an opponent in order to move the ball down court. Below: J.V. coach Annette Kiel observes the playing techniques of the girls during a J.V. game.



J.V. GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM—Clockwise: Robin Thomas, Wendi Hazlett, Sue Ellis, Terry Chappell, Denise Wright, Jackie Szuhaj, Karen Spaid, Shari Davis, Karen Yetsko, Sue Bryja, Mary Kuchera.

Right: Kathy Stager dodges two members of the opposing team as she controls the ball. Far right: Junior High Girls Basketball Coach Larry McCabe discusses game strategy with his players.



Above left: Robyn Adams skillfully handles the basketball during a J.V. game. Above: Denise Wright tries to make it a Mustang ball as she competes for a jump ball.

Girls Basketball Teams Honored For Achievements

At the conclusion of the 1980 Girls Basketball season, the Varsity, J.V., and the Junior High teams were honored at a banquet held on November 21, in the high school cafeteria. The guest speaker was Renee Portland, head women's basketball coach at Penn State.

Several special awards were presented. Nancy Chobany, who set school records for 20 rebounds in one game and 213 rebounds in one season, received an award. Other awards were presented to Robyn Adams, who was selected to the all tourney team in the Jaycee Tournament; to Kathy Stager, who was the second team all star in the Central-Western League All Stars; to Robyn Adams and Chris Borlie who received honorable mention in the Central-Western League All Stars; and to Missy McQuillen, who was selected to the all tourney team in the Booster Club Tournament.



JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM- Clockwise: Cindy Bryson, Chris Hudak, Dawn Tomashko, Lisa Fedorko, Carrie Bently, Jill Ann Anderson, Tess Fuzie, Kim Stager, Lisa Stager, Denise Stoker, Georgette Szuhaj, Sharon McCarthy, Coleen Claire, Sue Farren, Nancy Hodgson, Theresa Rudolph, Lisa Sendzick, Mary Kleman, Vanessa Sabala, Janae Plummer, Missy McQuillen, Becky Adams, Jeanine Fedorko, Elaine Smith, Melanie Chobany, Kathy Krisko, Trina Petney.

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM - - Left to right: Dave Yetsko, Mike Bryja, Bill Moyer, Larry Michaels, Matt Kleman, Jim Michaels, Pete Koza, John Myher, Larry Gloster. Center, left to right: Ed Miller—manager, Dave McCabe—coach, Charlie Adams—manager. Absent from photo: Wayne McQuillen, Bernie Gorba.



Above: Bernie Gorba and an opponent struggle to win a jump ball for their respective teams.



Cagers Suffer From Lack Of Experienced Players

Although the Portage Area Boys Basketball Team worked very hard and put forth much effort, the boys unfortunately lacked experience. Coach Dave McCabe felt that his team was good at foul shooting and playing at home. The fact that 75% of the team consisted of underclassmen is certainly a hopeful feature for the next season and seasons to come.

This year's top rebounder was Wayne McQuillen. The most consistent player, who was also a three year letterman, was Bernie Gorba.

Coach McCabe noted that a basketball player "must bounce the ball during the off season; how bad he wants to play and if he can sacrifice summertime hours" will have a definite influence on the type of ball player he will be.



Top left: Wayne McQuillen attempts a shot while Bernie Gorba and Dave Yetsko help hold back the opposing defense. Left: Dave Yetsko displays his talents and good form as he transforms his foul shots into team points. Above: Head Coach, Dave McCabe, quickly and seriously gives his team a pep talk in between quarters.

J.V. Basketball Players Train For Varsity Team

This year's J.V. Basketball Team's effort has been intense, but it has not been a satisfying season for Coach Larry McCabe. Coach McCabe said that the boys have desire, hustle, and an overall intensity while they are on the floor. Although there are many fine qualities among his players, Mr. McCabe feels the boys are lacking in size, skills, and shooting practice.

Coach McCabe prepares his team by setting the game strategy and then practicing this strategy. His expectations for next year's team are a bit more promising.



JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM - - Left to right: Larry Michaels, Jimmy Michaels, Bill Moyer, Matt Kleman, John Myher, Steve Petney, Larry Gloster, Jack Shaw, Pete Koza. Center; Larry McCabe - - coach. Absent from photo: Bob McCarty, Terry Moyer.





Top left: Larry Gloster and a player from the opposing team compete for a jump ball during a J.V. game. Above: Matt Kleman tries to move the ball down court as he attempts to avoid a player from the opposing team. Left: Jimmy Michaels dribbles his way through two players from the other team.

VARSITY BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

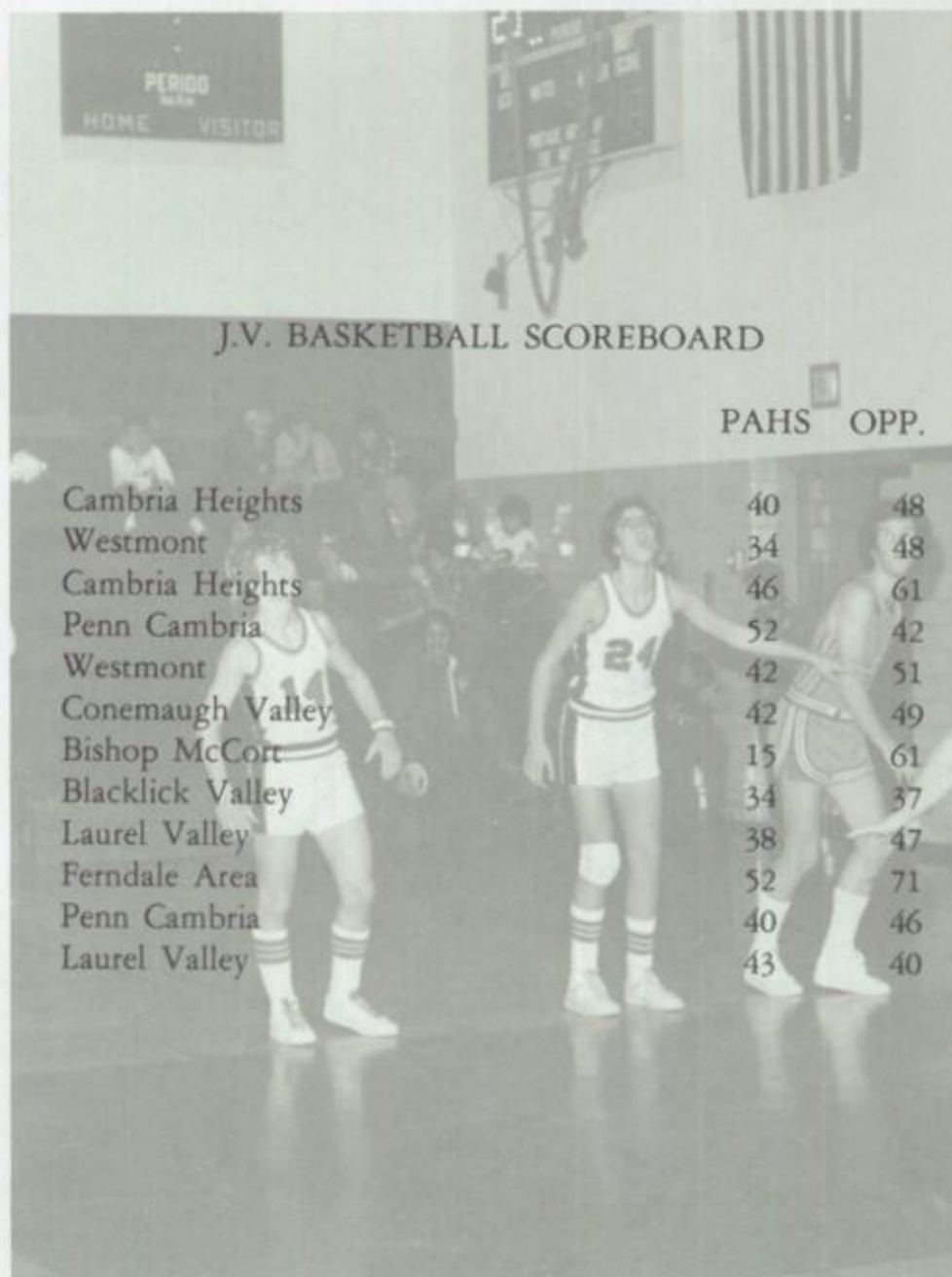
	PAHS	OPP.
Cambria Heights	51	52
Westmont	42	47
Cambria Heights	48	44
Penn Cambria	40	66
Westmont	35	37
Conemaugh Valley	47	84
Bishop McCort	32	75
Blacklick Valley	46	49
Laurel Valley	31	82
Ferndale Area	41	61
Penn Cambria	42	56
Laurel Valley	43	71

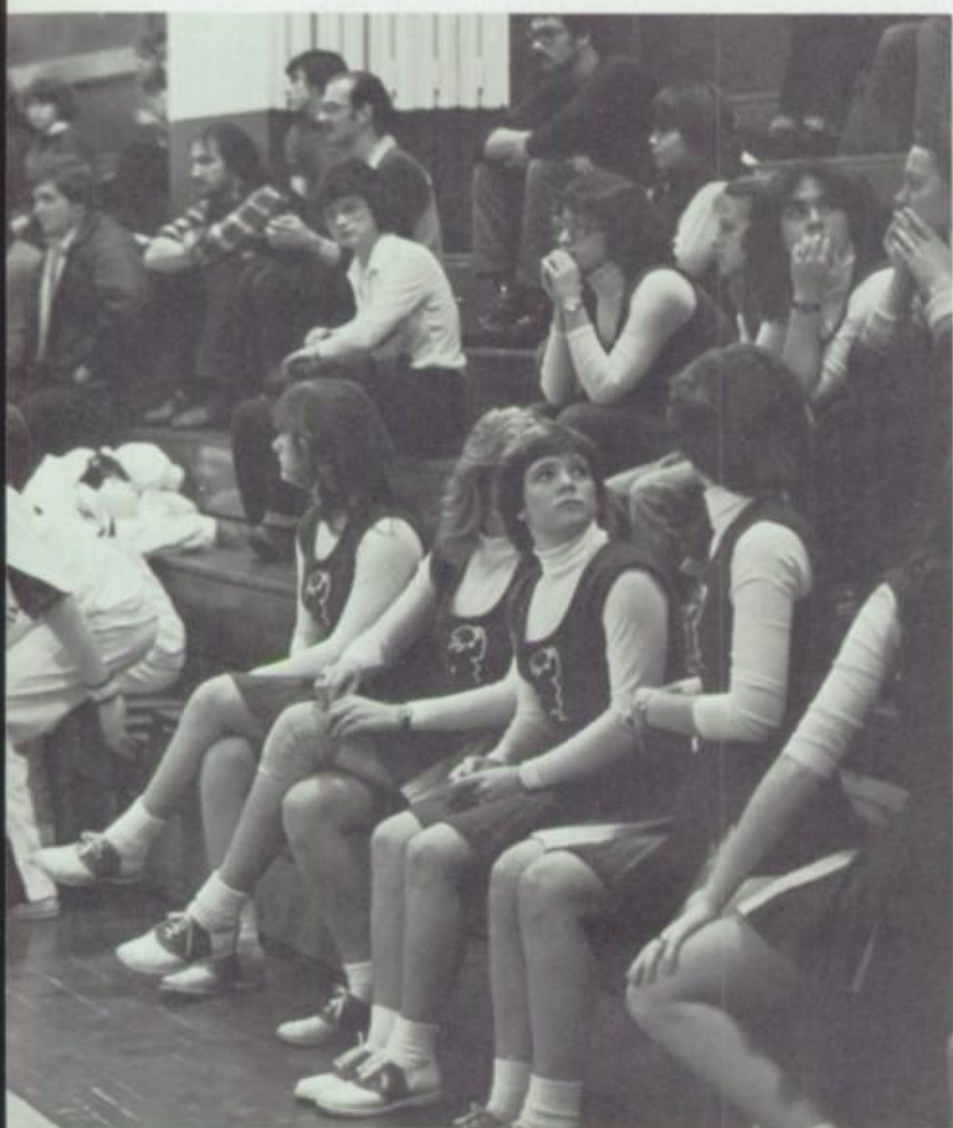


Above: John Myher attempts to add two points to the Mustang score as he prepares to shoot the basketball. Above right: Members of the Varsity Basketball Team return to the bench at the sound of the buzzer for a brief break until the next quarter begins.

J.V. BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

	PAHS	OPP.
Cambria Heights	40	48
Westmont	34	48
Cambria Heights	46	61
Penn Cambria	52	42
Westmont	42	51
Conemaugh Valley	42	49
Bishop McCort	15	61
Blacklick Valley	34	37
Laurel Valley	38	47
Ferndale Area	52	71
Penn Cambria	40	46
Laurel Valley	43	40





Jr. High Basketball Team Learns Playing Fundamentals

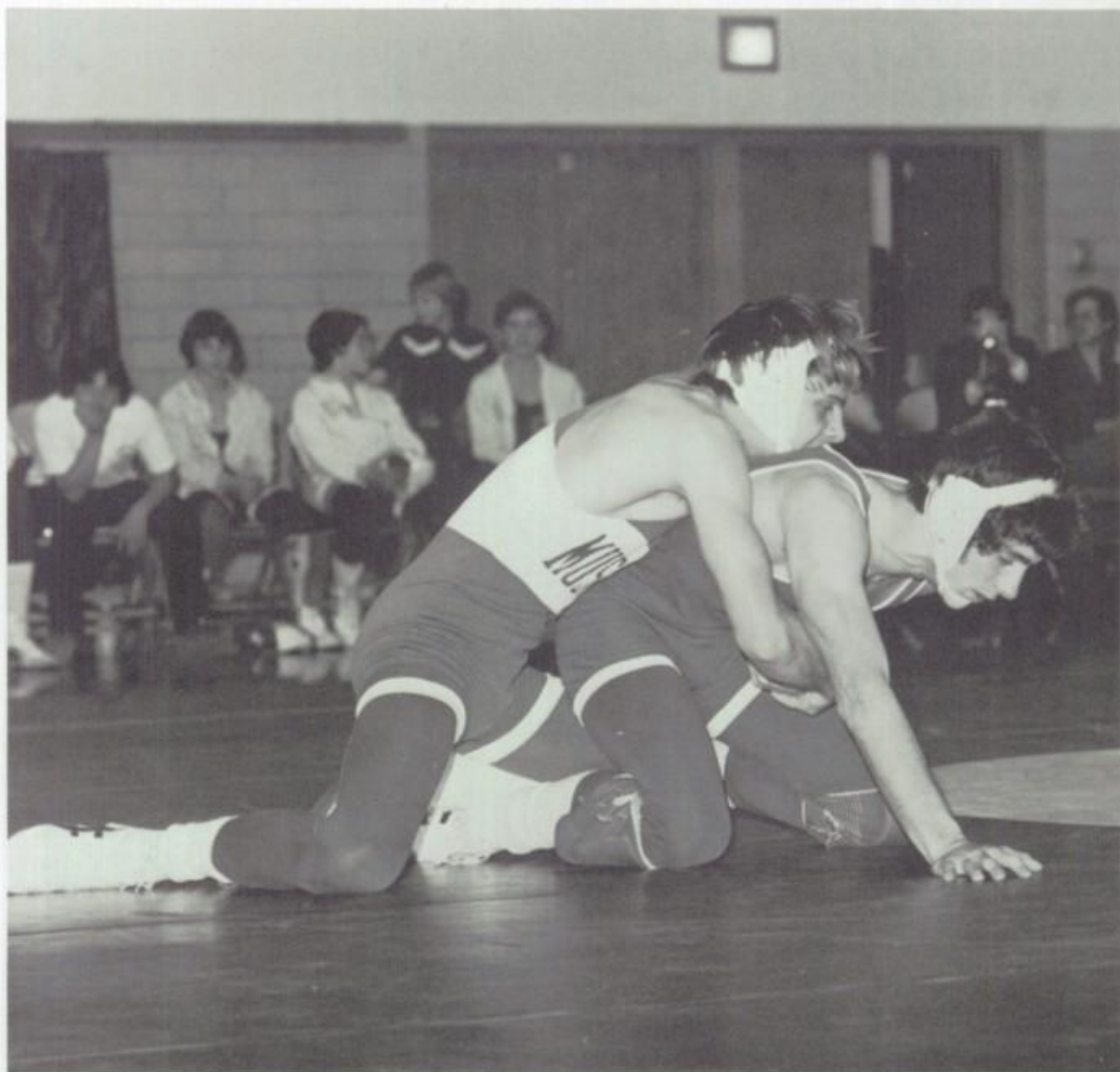
This year, the Junior High Basketball Team's effort was outstanding. This year's team, under the direction of Mr. Gary Gouse, won the Christmas Tournament with victories over Penn Cambria and Forest Hills for the first time in nine years.

Mr. Gouse felt his team was quick and used their height to their best advantage. Although the boys did well, Coach Gouse did not feel that he had the bench that he would have liked.

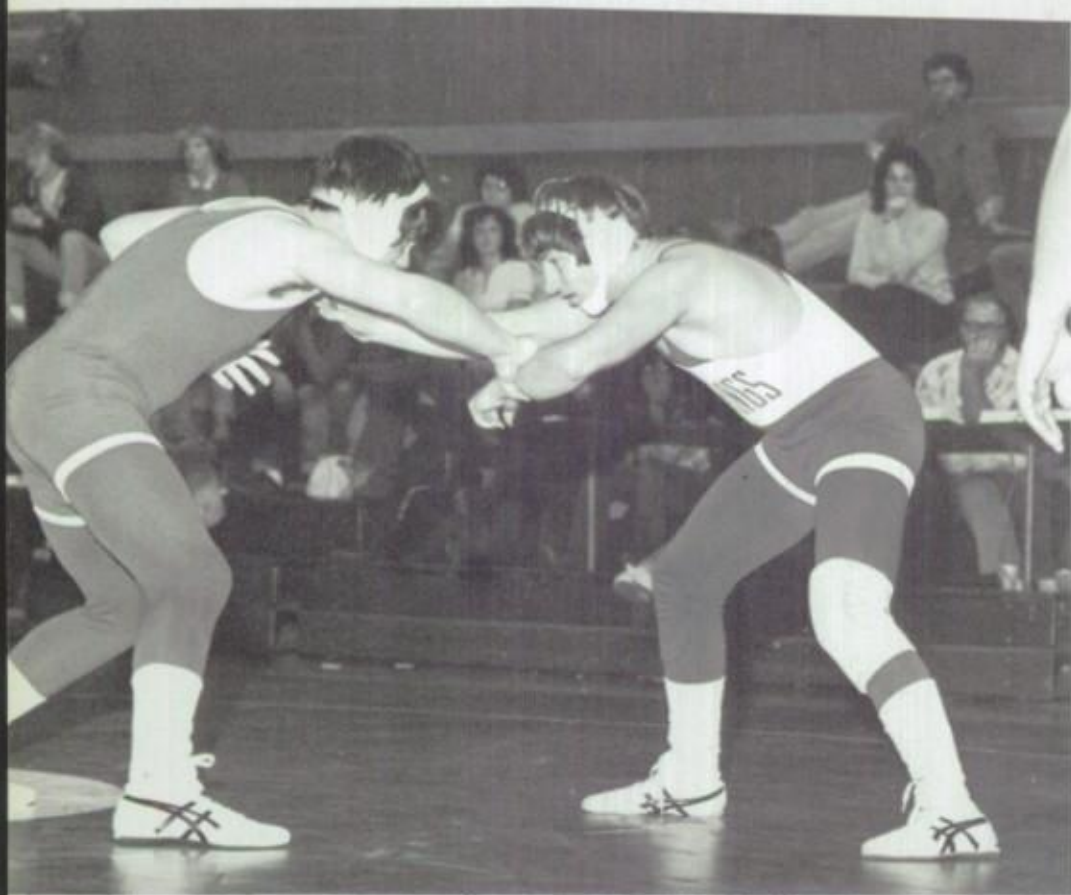
Among the outstanding members on the team were Neil Glista, named the M.V.P. of the Christmas Tournament, Rick Vermeulin, named to the All Tournament Team, and Mike Vocco, a second year starter who did a fine job for the team again this year.



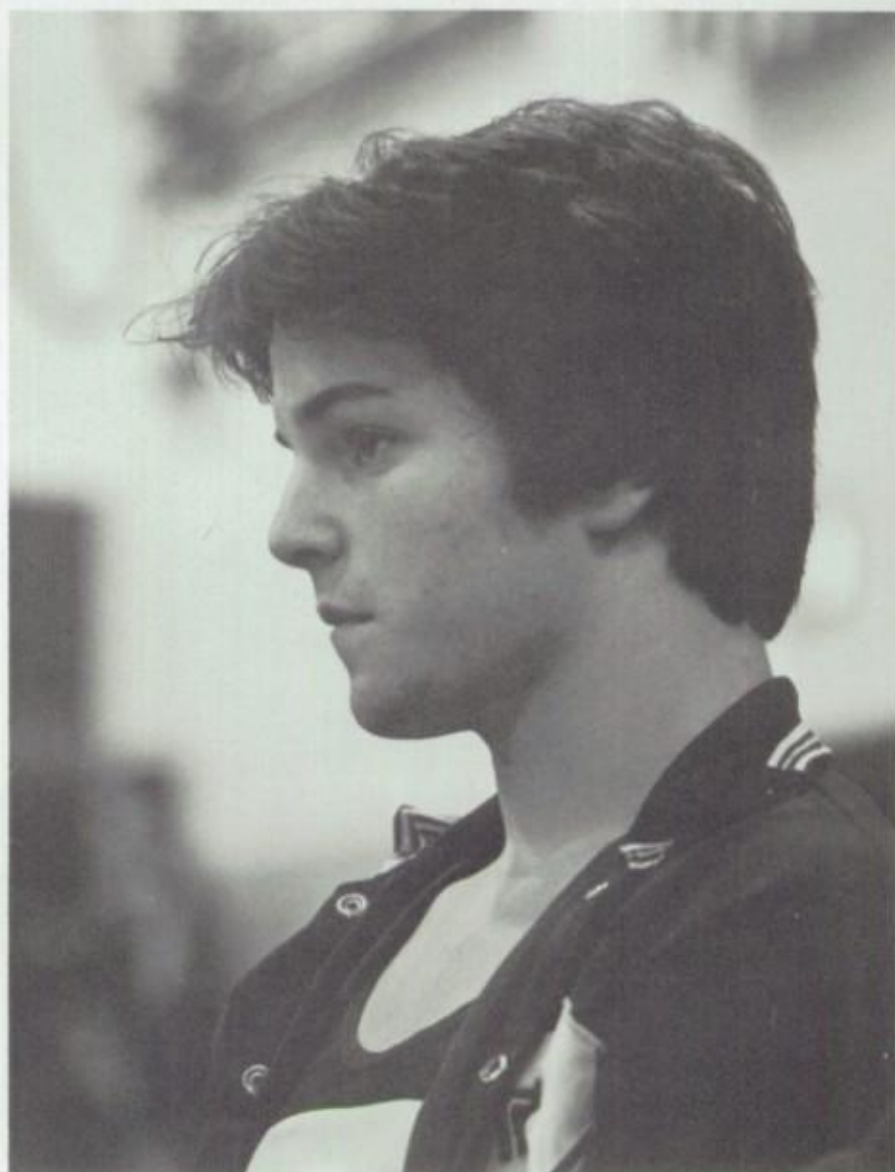
JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM—Clockwise: Doug Chappell, Mike Vocco, Rick Vermeulin, Mike Koenigsburg, Mike Solarczyk, Bob Cyran, Bob Crum, Charlie Plummer, Tim Wodoslawsky, Mike Bodasky, Neil Glista, Bill Klein. Center: Gary Gouse—coach.



Right: Ray Nolan is quickly on top of his opponent and on his way to a six point win for his team.



Right: The serious look on Terry Klein's face tells us that the tension is mounting as it comes time for his match. Above: Joe Baker does a "swift tango" before he takes down his opponent.



VARSITY WRESTLING SCOREBOARD

	PAHS	OPP.
Forest Hills	29	30
Conemaugh Valley	48	12
Glendale	35	25
Cambria Heights	33	31
Ferndale Area	42	15
Tussey Mountain	34	23
Bellwood	17	29
Conemaugh Township	0	57
Juniata Valley	32	18
Johnstown Vo-Tech	25	22
Central	15	38
Claysburg	47	12

Varsity Wrestlers Experience Success

Wrestling is a popular sport at PAHS. To prepare for a meet requires much hard work and self-discipline. The wrestlers' preparations consist of constant drilling on the various moves, conditioning, and wrestling scrimmages.

This year's varsity wrestling team is doing well. They are performing much above the expectations of Coach Doug Conlon. Coach Conlon stated that this year's team never gives up; they work hard and seem to have the inner drive that makes a great wrestler. Despite these strong points, Mr. Conlon feels that his team is lacking in depth, and he would like to see more wrestlers in the upper weight classes.

Coach Conlon is especially satisfied with the performances of his senior wrestlers: Jerry Whitcomb, Ron Handel, and Ray Nolan—three year varsity lettermen; Terry Klein—two year letterman; and Bruce Gossard—one year letterman.



VARSITY AND JUNIOR VARSITY WRESTLING TEAMS—Clockwise: Bruce Gossard, Gary Galla, Dennis Handel, Terry Klein, Ron Handel, Rick Davis, Jerry Whitcomb, John Whitcomb, Emil Branas, Mark Nolan, Joe Baker, Ray Nolan, Ken Beck, Ray Lee, Jim Fryzlewicz. Center: Frank Jubara, Doug Conlon—varsity coach, Adam Skomra—JV coach.

J.V. Grapplers Display Willingness & Drive

This year the Junior Varsity Wrestling Team, under the direction of Mr. Adam Skomra, did an outstanding job despite the lack of members on the team.

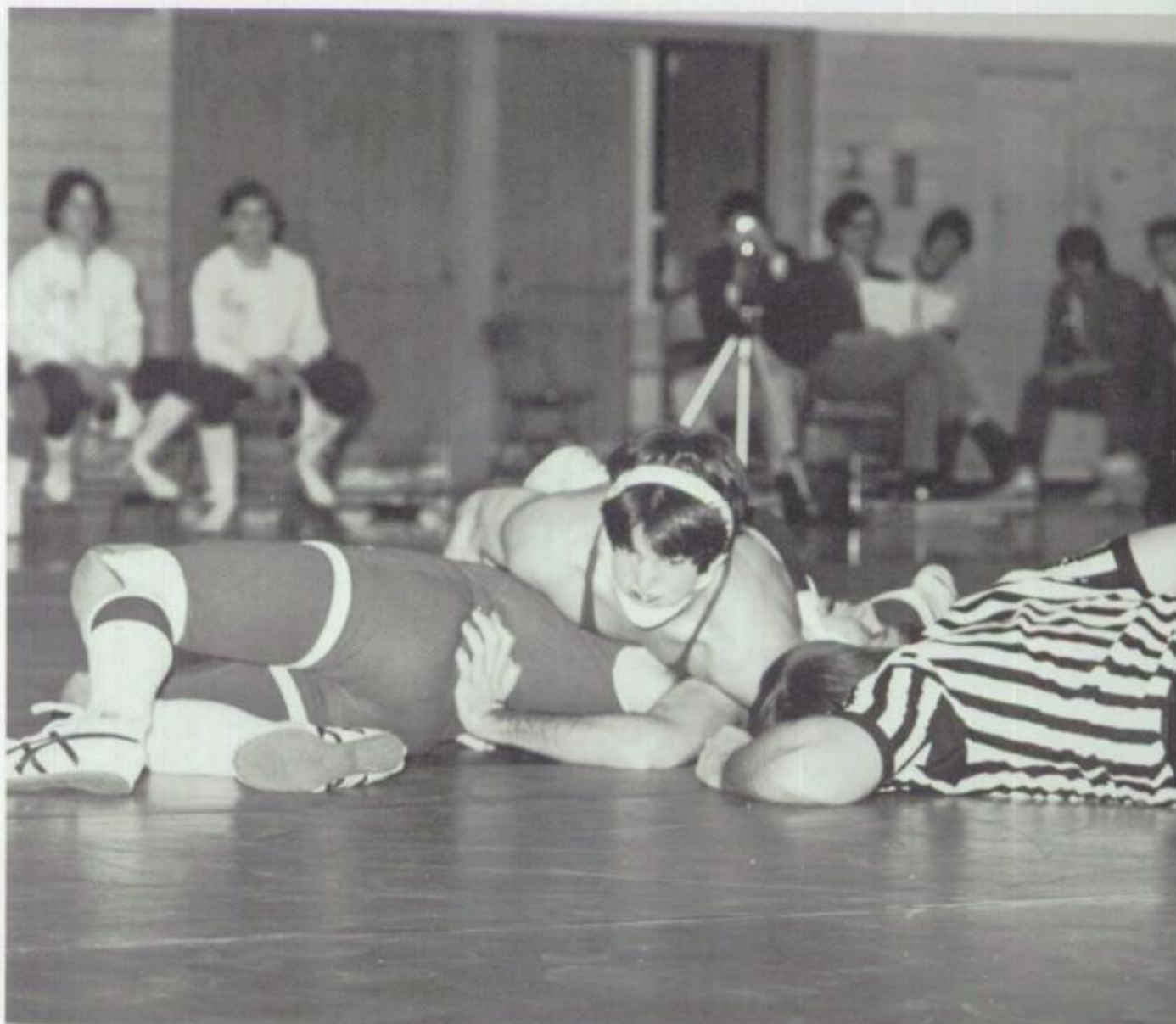
Coach Skomra felt that the team had the willingness to learn to become good wrestlers. In addition, these grapplers displayed much desire to excel. Their preparation consisted of hard work and many hours of demanding practice sessions.

Members of the team who exerted special efforts this year included James Fryzlewicz, Walter Fox, Kevin Myers, Gary Galla, and Frank Jubara.

As these boys improve and as more boys try out for the team, Mr. Skomra is hopeful that the next season will be a promising one.

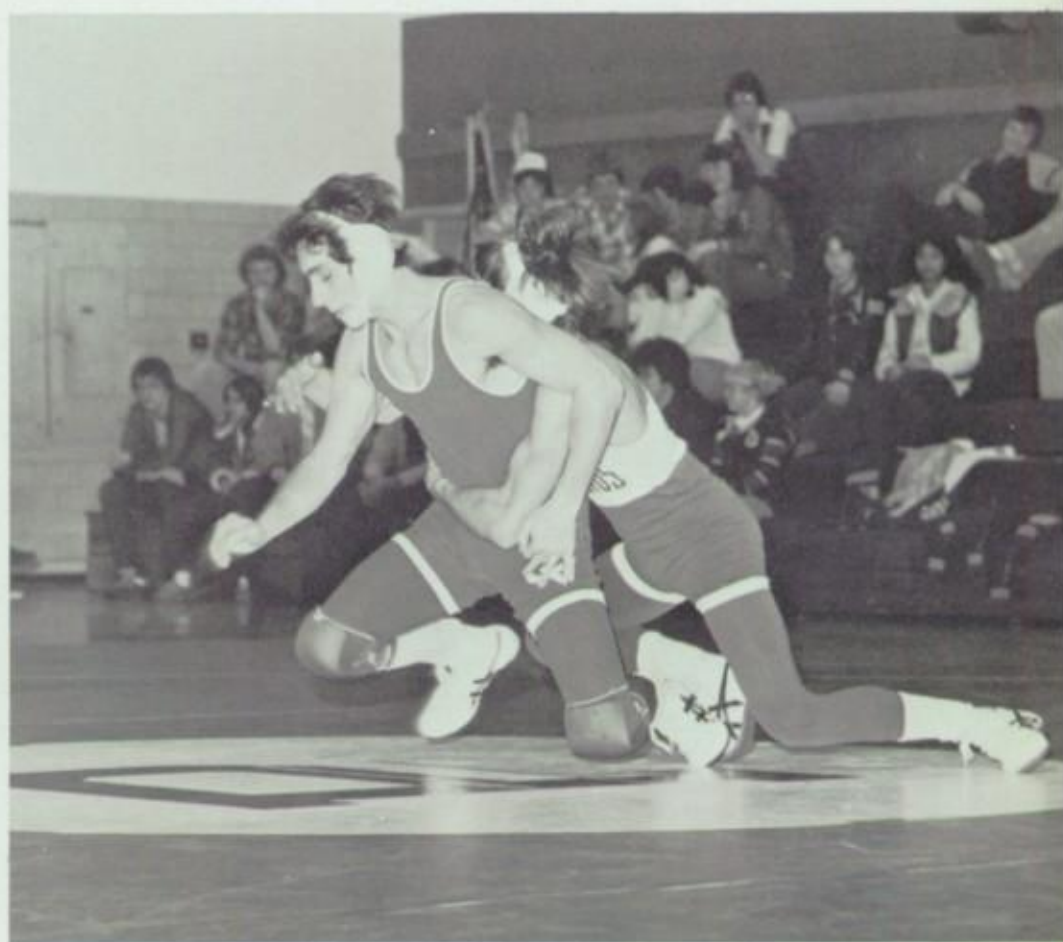


Far right: Dennis Handel is on top of his opponent and on his way to a victory. **Right:** The expression on Terry Klein's face does not portray the happiness he felt after the great pin.





Below: Ray Nolan has a take down and a chance at a pin for the Mustangs. Left: Team members gather around to give encouragement and support to their heavyweight, Bruce Gossard, before his match.



Junior High Wrestlers Complete Successful Season

This year the Junior High Wrestling Team consisted of a squad of nineteen active participants. "Needless to say with sixteen weight classes to fill, there was no depth at any given weight," commented Coach Tony Tomaselli.

However, the 1980-81 campaign proved to be successful with the experience brought back by wrestlers from last year.

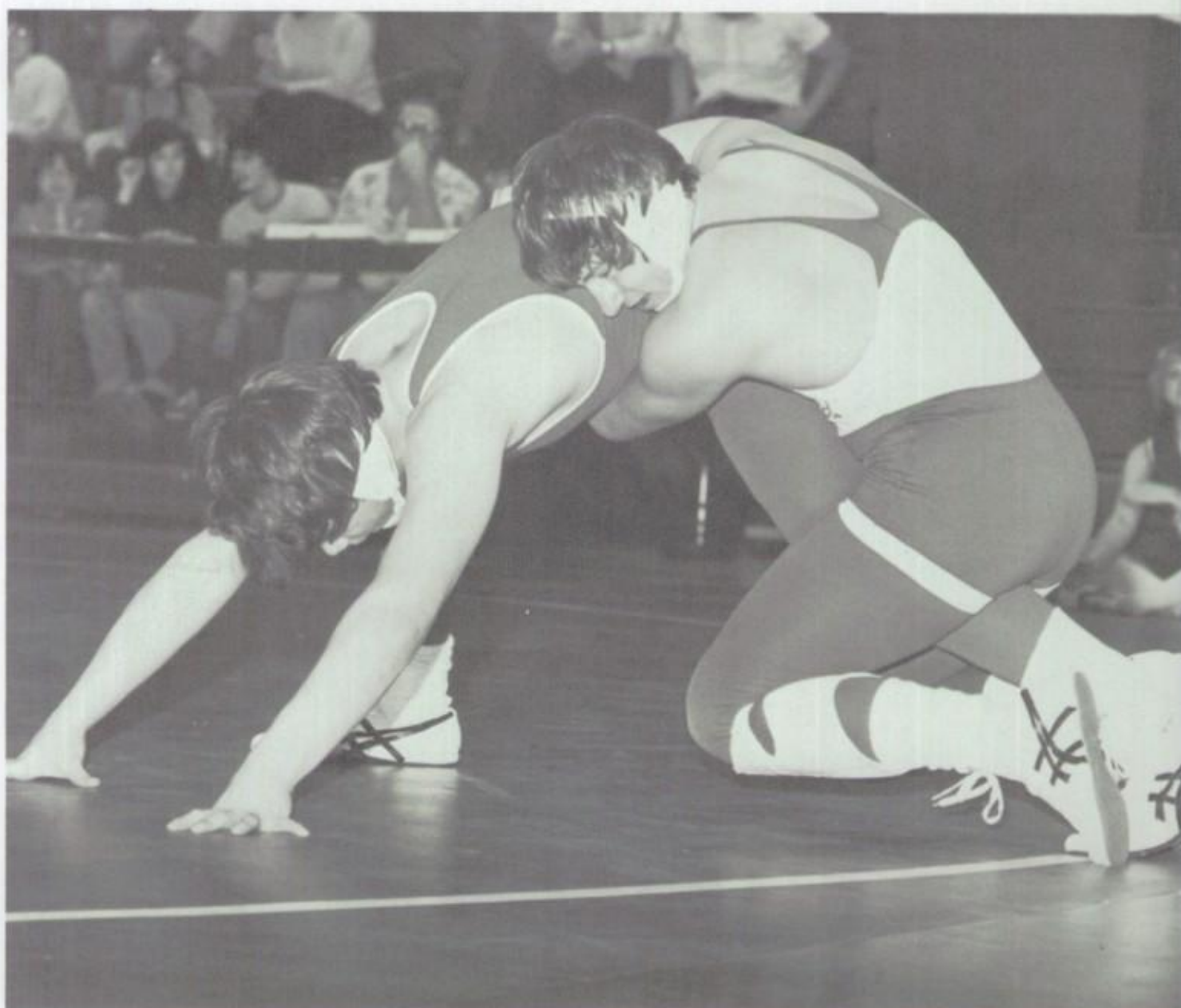
Standouts this year included Robert Fox, Doug Pauley, and Dave Hornbake, all from grade nine.

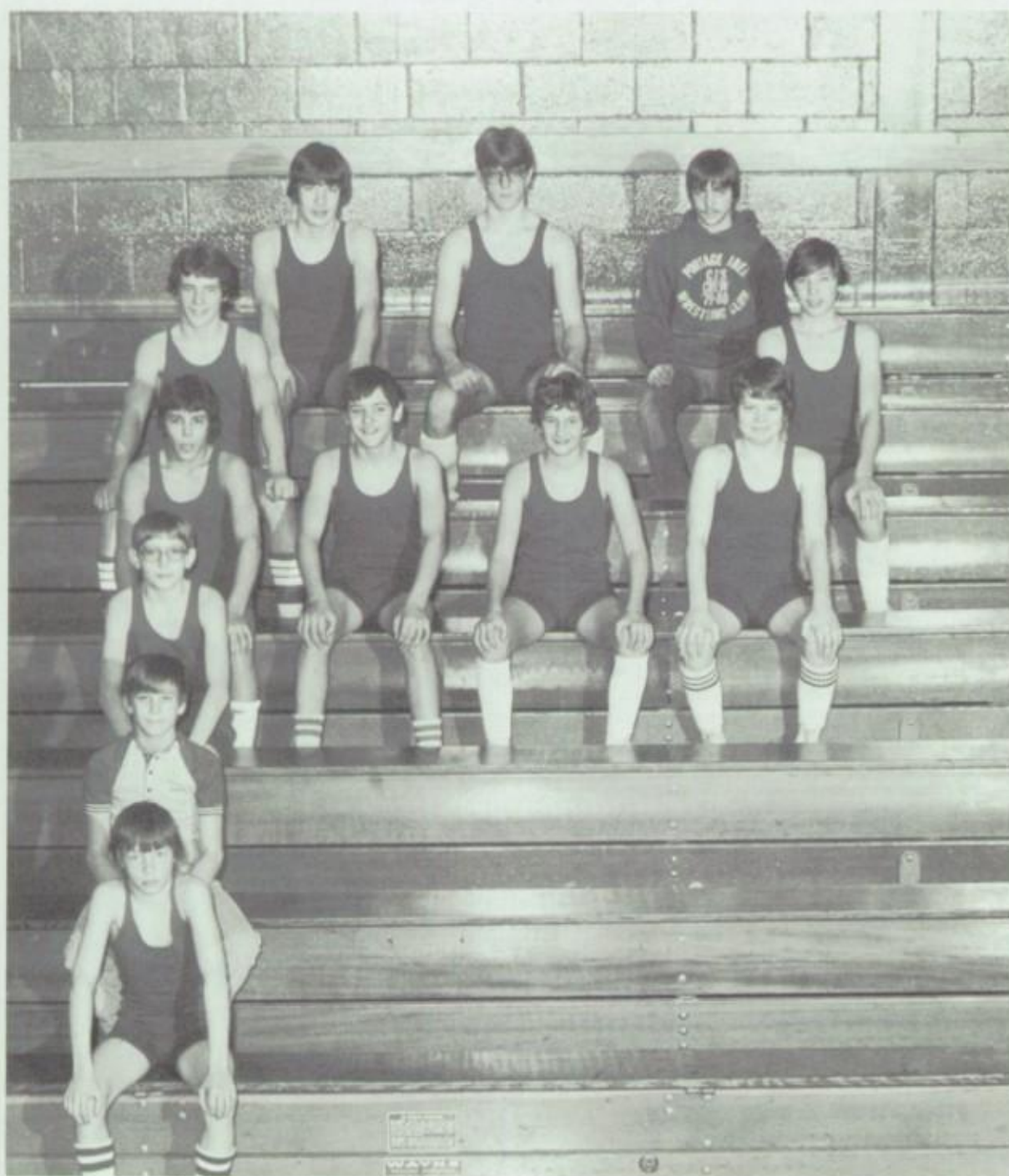
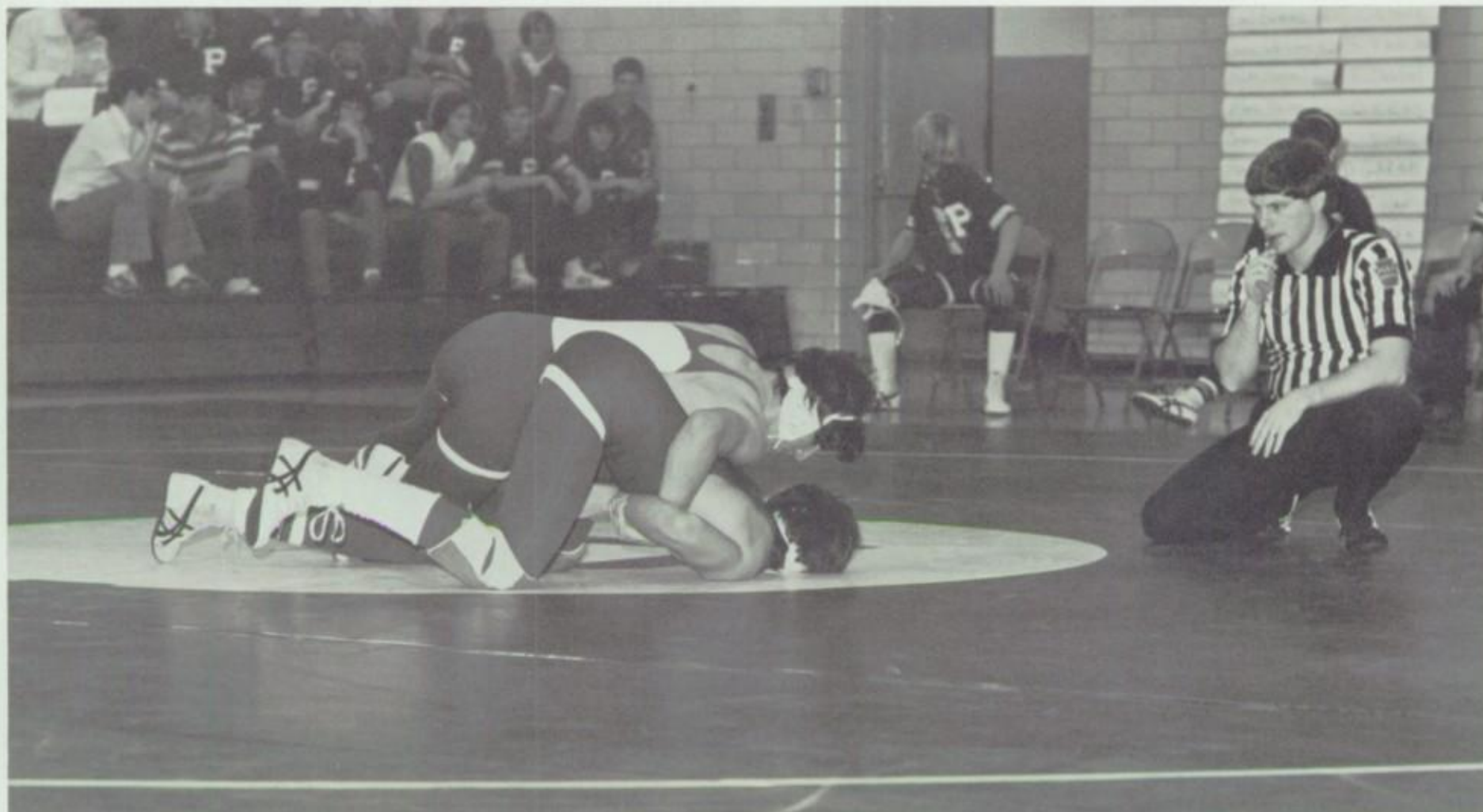
In addition to competing in the regular schedule, this year's team participated in the Glendale, Northern Bedford, Portage Tournament.

Right: Joe Baker is in control as he tries to come up with a pinning combination.

JUNIOR VARSITY SCOREBOARD

	PAHS	OPP.
Forest Hills	6	48
Conemaugh Valley	15	0
Glendale	18	0
Cambria Heights	12	7
Ferndale Area	7	8
Tussey Mountain	21	6
Bellwood	9	21
Conemaugh Township	5	6
Juniata Valley	18	0
Johnstown Vo-Tech	5	0
Central	6	3
Claysburg	18	0





Above: Frank Jubara intensely tries to get his opponent on his back as members of the varsity team look on before their meet. Left: **JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING TEAM** - - Bottom to top: Louis Wills, Greg Makosky, Andy Teno, Ray Foreman, Doug Pauley, Pat Flynn, Dave Hornbake, Tim Riskus, Gene Stewart, Mark Keith, Dave Tutsock, Don Sral. Absent from photo: Dean McCabe, Chris Pisarski, Tom Riskus.

VARSITY CHEERLEADING SQUAD—Left to right, row 1: Kelly Burket, Frances Franey, Tracy Ellis, Teresa Walls, Dena Vrabel, Renee Olszewski, Debbie Pauley, Pam Wilcox. Row 2: Lisa Odenthal, Francine Shuty. Standing: Terrie Wytosick.



Cheerleading Squads Complement Sports

No sporting event would seem complete if it were not for the enthusiastic cheering of the three cheerleading squads at Portage Area High School. These girls attend sporting events both at home and away. In addition to attending sporting events, these squads also promote spirit at bonfires and pep rallies.

The girls are divided into three squads—varsity, junior varsity, and junior high. Mrs. Margaret Slonac advises each of these groups of cheerleaders.



Above left: Members of the Varsity Cheerleading Squad perform a spirited cheer at a girls basketball game. Above: Deb Pauley tries to promote spirit as she cheers during a game.



J.V. CHEERLEADING SQUAD—Left to right, row 1: Pam McCabe, Kathy Borenish, Karen Galla, Judy Letzo, Teresa Cyran, Marlene Klein, Paula Vancheri. Row 2: Kim Koban, Annette Gossard, Debbie Rorabaugh, Karen Gossard, Mary Kalinoski. Standing: Kim Ritchey.



Above left: Mrs. Margaret Slonac, cheerleading adviser. Above: The Varsity Cheerleaders are a creative group of girls. Here they perform a skit they made up especially for a pep rally.



JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADING SQUAD—Sitting in front: Michelle Nobel. Middle: Sandy Farren, Val Sabala, Renee Smith, Lisa Stager, Michelle Etienne, Denise Wytosick, Dawn Fetako, Michelle Spahr, Lisa Roberts. Standing bottom to top: JoAnn Gossard, Lisa Diehl, Gayle Olszewski, Karen Mastaller.



CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Portage Area High School offers a variety of clubs, organizations, and activities for its students to join. These clubs appeal to a wide range of interests. Students with musical inclinations may participate in the band, stage band, chorus, or girls ensemble. The drama club allows students with acting talents to develop them. Organizations such as student council serve the interests of the student body. The National Honor Society is a nationwide organization which recognizes students who have outstanding academic records. There are numerous activities, clubs and organizations which provide experiences which prove to be both valuable and memorable for students who participate in them.



Far left: Drum majorette Jackie Penrod directs the pep band as they play a lively tune during a girls basketball game. Left: Yearbook staff members Jane Spaid and Kelly Burket promote the sale of the 1981 yearbook by putting up posters to remind the student body to order a yearbook. Below left: Homecoming Queen candidate Kathy Gallaher and her father Mr. Martin Gallaher walk onto the football field before the queen is named. Below: Members of the Ag Club taste some of the apples they picked for their annual cider sale.

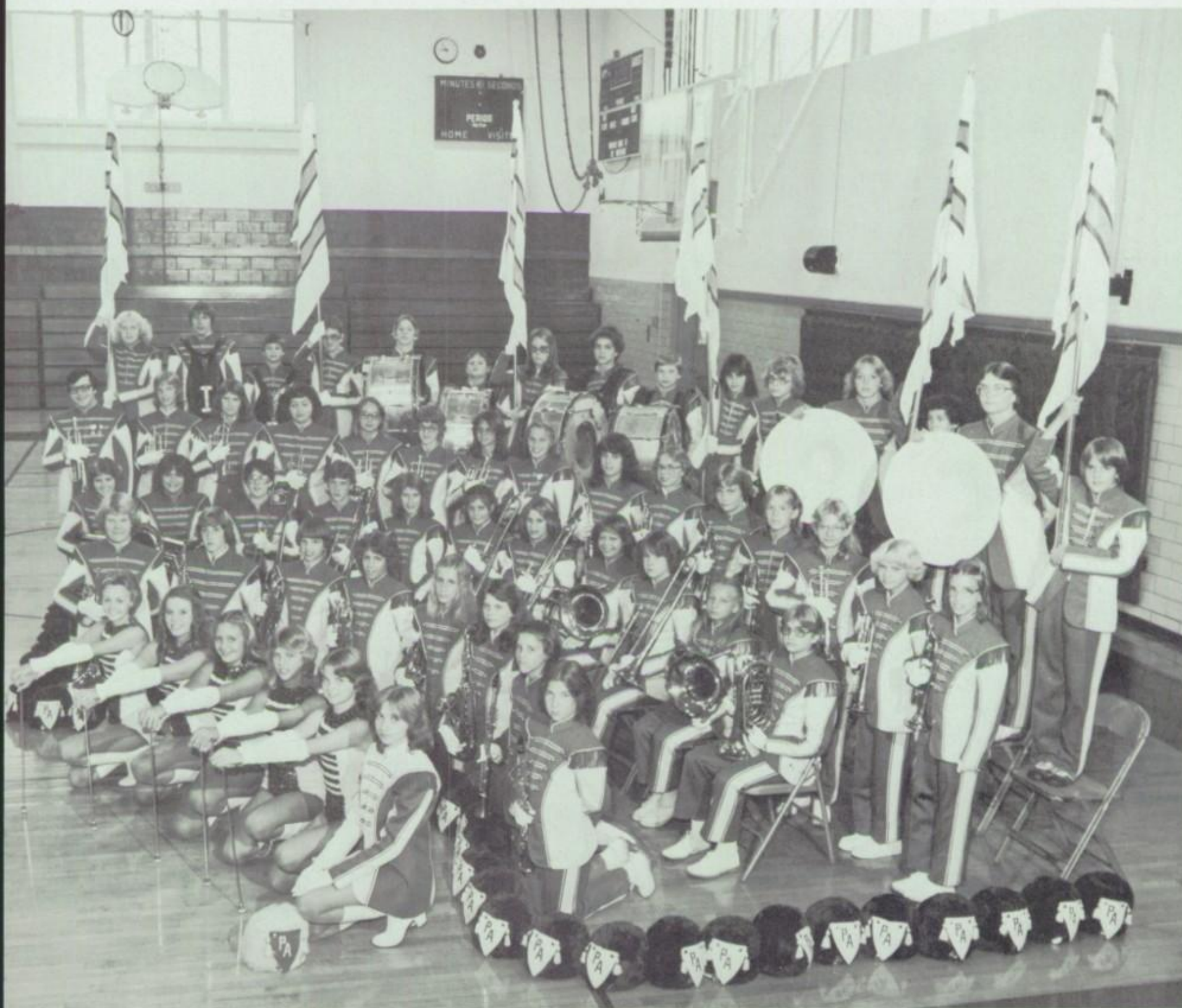


Portage Area High School



PORTAGE AREA HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND-Left to right kneeling: Lisa Galus, Shawna Sossong, Tammy Varner, Jennifer Smith, Stacy Burns, Kathy DeMatteis, Brenda Smith, Kathy Gallaher, Carol Teno, Mary Fox, Karen Myher, Jackie Penrod-drum majorette. Row 1: Tammy Feathers, Andrea Kittell, Tess Fuzie, Carol Pisarski, Janice Fisher, Amy Fox, Trina Petney, Amy Hough, Elaine Smith, Debbie Zock, Elaine Lucas, Samantha Jones, Stacy Vickroy, Tammy Shaffranak, Sue Koshak. Row 2: Linda Causer, Sue Stoke, Laurie Gouse, Charlene Cherniky, Diane Byer, Mary Kuchera, Kathy Galla, Debbie Batche, Mimi Yetsko, Linda Teno, Barb Whitcomb, Carol Yogus, Mary Beth Sigado, Bob Williams, Shelly Benjack, Kathy George, Val Seder, Annette Scoran, Alicia Simala, Tracy Byers, Chris Whitcomb. Row 3: Kim Sweeney, Brenda Koshak, Kathy Koshak, Diane Rorbaugh, Becky Adams, Sandy Bryson, Debbie Latherow,

Mustang Marching Band



Beth Hochrein, Bonnie Hochrein, Sherry Latherow, Maria George, Kim Thomas, Janice Gorden, Lynn Hopper, Sharen Grove, Bronwyn Skrack, Tom Nagy, Bonnie Michrina, Lisa Ritchey, Lynne Fedorko, Jeanine Fedorko, Sondi Wilson, Sherri Hopper, Michele Koza, Wendy Hazlett, Robin Thomas, Tammy Bloom, Lori Adams, Missy Crum, Renee Wilcox, Karan Shaffranak. Row 4: Ellen Dividock, Barb Myers, Margurite Sigado, Chris Miller, Ron Smith, Chris Fuzie, Heather Burns, Robyn Adams, Sue Lutz, Lori Wolford, Denise Wright, Lisa Sendzik, Lori Crum, Melanie Chobany, Theresa Rudolph, Rhonda Smith, Karen Yetsko, Joe Baker, Eric Gruss, Nanette Martinek, Tim Benjack, Tim George, Jill Crum, Tim Enderline, Emil Branas, Tracy Byers, Dawn Pomento, Lisa Fedorko, Becky Harrison, Michelle Sigado, Kim Branas.

Band, Majorettes And Colorguards Enhance Half-Time Festivities

Led by Drum Majorette Jackie Penrod, the Portage Area High School Marching Band, the color guard, and the majorettes devote countless hours practicing for the weekly half-time performances during a football season. These shows are always well-done, and they serve as a source of sheer entertainment and enjoyment for all those attending the weekly football games.

In addition to performing at the football games, the band participates in area parades and takes part in festivities at the Cambria County Fair during Labor Day Week.

The pep band lends its talents during pep rallies and performs during home sporting events held in the PAHS gym.



Top: The PAHS Marching Band performs a dazzling routine during a half-time performance. **Above:** Majorettes Jen Smith and Tammy Varner complement the band as they perform a routine to the music of the band. **Right:** Theresa Rudolph proves that she doesn't always have to carry the bass drum in order to play it.





Above: Band director Edward Nezeski leads the band in playing the National Anthem prior to a football game. Left: Jackie Penrod, drum majorette directs the pep band as this group plays a rousing number during a pep rally.

Below: JUNIOR HIGH COUNTY BAND—Left to right, row 1: Debbie Zock, Kathy George, Lori Gouse, Lynn Causer. Row 2: Lisa Sendzik, Trina Petney, Tammy Bloom, Kim Thomas. Right: Tom Nagy plays a trumpet solo during the half-time festivities on Senior Night. Bottom right: BAND OFFICERS — Tom Nagy, treasurer; Barb Whitcomb, president; Linda Teno, vice-president; Charlene Chernicky, secretary.



Musicians Selected To Represent PAHS At Band Festival

Every year, high school students have the opportunity to participate in area band festivals. This year, nine members of the Portage Area Band took part in the County Band Festival which was held at Central Cambria High School.

Four students were involved in the District Band Concert which was held in February. These students included Tom Nagy, Mary Kuchera, Michele Koza, and Mimi Yetsko.

Each of these students put much time and dedicated practice into helping to make each of these festivals successes.





Above: COUNTY BAND—Left to right, row 1: Diane Beyer, Amy Fox, Carol Yogus, Elaine Lucas. Row 2: Michelle Sigado, Mary Kuchera, Jackie Penrod, Debbie Batche, Tom Nagy. Left: DISTRICT BAND—Front: Tom Nagy. Back: Mary Kuchera, Michele Koza, Mimi Yetsko.



CHORUS OFFICERS—Left to right, front: Linda Teno—president; Barb Whitcomb—vice-president. Back: Jackie Szuhaj—secretary; Tom Nagy—treasurer.



SENIOR HIGH CHORUS—Left to right, row 1: Karie McKinney, Susan Lutz, Val Seder, Sonya Vargo, Stacy Vickroy, Robin Thomas, Kathy Miller, Trisha Stager, Barbie Weaver, Tina Lafferty, Kim Foreman, Natalie Morgan, Kathy Thomas, Brenda Panick, Jean Stoke, Barb Myers, Pam Parizak, Tammy Feathers, Michele Koza, Jackie Penrod, Diane Wright, Mary Kuchera. Row 2: Tracie Letrugey, Debbie Ritchey, Janice Fisher, Carol Teno, Elaine Lucas, Brenda George, Ann Zock, Robyn Adams, Liz Troxell, Teresa Walls, Nancy Ritchey, Carrie Lamar, Cathy Feathers, Donna Canavan, Kathy Gallaher, Brenda Smith, Dena Vrabel, Val Gressick, Kim Robine, Teresa Feathers, Lisa Lamar, Diane Beyer, Wendi Hazlett, Bonnie Hochrein, Sherry Latherow, Mimi Yetsko, Danelle Szuhaj, Charlene Chernicky, Tom Nagy. Row 3: Mr. Black-adviser, Kathy Zatek, Debbie Kephart, Pam Burkett, Linda Gray, Susan Kline, Debbye Bauer, Kelly Andrews, Patty Gallaher, Sarah Krull, Sherrie Harlin, Terry Chappell, Denise Wright, Leslie Castel, Bronwyn Skrack, Lynne Fedorko, Patty Roush, Karen Yetsko, Jackie Szuhaj, Kim Popchak, Debbie Batche, Kerry McCarty, Loretta Hollop, Lori Crum, Joan Krinjeck, Nina Girard, Dawn Barrett, Laurie Fedorko, Barb Whitcomb, Linda Teno.



Chorus Members Enhance Christmas Concert

After weeks of arduous and dedicated practice and numerous rehearsals, the Senior High Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Ron Black, delighted the student body, faculty, staff and guests with the musical selections which they sang at the annual Christmas Concert.

Some of their selections included "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," "Christmas Card," "Twas the Night Before Christmas," "Jesu Parvule," and "What Is Christmas." For over an hour on the morning of December 22, the Portage High School Auditorium was filled with the melodious voices of these talented chorus members who helped to put all the spectators in a truly festive holiday spirit.

The chorus also performed during the annual Spring Concert.



Top right: The members of the Girls Ensemble sing "Christmas Time in the City" during the annual Christmas Concert. Left: The Girls Ensemble entertains the audience with a favorite Christmas selection. Above: Kim Sweeney and Tom Nagy, piano accompanists, play a selection during the Christmas program.

Right: DISTRICT CHORUS REPRESENTATIVES—Left to right: Barb Whitcomb, Tom Nagy, Linda Teno. Far right: The Girls Ensemble sings "Christmas Time in the City" during the annual Christmas program.



Above: The Junior High Chorus sings a holiday selection during the Christmas program. Right: Linda Teno sings a solo selection from the Christmas favorite "Twas the Night Before Christmas."





Chorus Students Attend Music Festivals

Each year, vocalists from PAHS have the opportunity to participate in several music festivals. These festivals include the County Chorus Concert which was held in February at Central Cambria High School in Ebensburg. Eighteen students from Portage Area attended.

The District Chorus Concert was held at Bedford Area High School in Bedford. Three students—Barb Whitcomb, Tom Nagy, and Linda Teno-participated in this festival.

Linda Teno was chosen to attend All-Eastern Chorus in Atlantic City in the spring. Each of these students has brought honor and pride to Portage Area through their participation in these events.



JUNIOR HIGH CHORUS—Left to right, row 1: Tracy Beyers, Renee Wilcox, Sherry McCarthy, Karen Mastaller, Gayle Olszewski, Lisa Diehl, Michelle Etienne, Missy Crum, Kristy Zabrosky, Lisa McCabe, Kim Sweeney, Brenda Koshak. Row 2: Renee Smith, Melinda Wilson, Alicia Simala, Lori Gouse, Michelle Spahr, Vanessa Sabala, Nancy Hutchinson, Denise Stoker, Dottie Burkett, Missy Behe, Sandy Farren, Sue Farren, Susan Stoke, Linda Causer, Lisa Petney, Lisa Sendzik, Tammy Bloom, Theresa Rudolph. Row 3: Lisa Stager, Lori Wolford, Renee Smith, Shelly Shoff, Shelly Olshavsky, Michelle Irwin, Heather Burns, Kathy Custer, Kathy George, Lisa Stager, Carol Pisarski, Lisa McLucas, Roxanne Maul, Susan Tyger, Diane Rorabaugh, Karen Myher, Samantha Jones, Cathy Zock, Tracy Crum, Karen Zock, Dawn Pimento, Missy McQuillen, Shelly Benjack, Janae Plummer, Sheila Sharpe. Row 4: Cindy Bryson, Lisa Ritchey, Barbara Myers, Yvette Benko, Sharon Grove, Debbie Koza, Sherri Maul, Cindy Ornosky, Debbie Zock, Kari Bentley, Carmella Campagna, Val Sabala, Tammy Poorman, Tina Mandichak, Jill Crum, Paula Secriskey, Jilann Anderson, Michelle Noble, Dawn Gentile, Kathy Galla, Lynne Leturgey, Marybeth Sigado, Kim Thomas, Kathy Krisko, Sharon Hopper, Lynne Hopper, Sue Bryja, Jeanine Fedorko, Glennis Shaffer, Elaine Smith, Chris Hudak, Bonnie Michrina.

STAGE BAND—Left to right, row 1: Jackie Szuhaj, Carol Teno, Amy Fox, Stacy Vickroy, Janice Fisher. Row 2: Linda Teno, Mary Kuchera, Diane Beyer, Jackie Penrod, Mimi Yetsko. Row 3: Kim Thomas, Tammy Feathers, Lynn Fedorko, Bronwyn Skrack, Maria George, Michele Koza, Tom Nagy. Row 4: Lisa Sendzik, Kim Sweeney, Mr. Black—advisor, Sharon Grove, Dawn Barrett.



GIRLS ENSEMBLE—Left to right, row 1: Dena Vrabel, Tina Lafferty, Natalie Morgan, Elaine Lucas, Stacy Vickroy, Robin Thomas, Val Seder, Sue Lutz, Tammy Feathers, Wendy Hazlett, Diane Beyer, Diane Wright, Mary Kuchera, Charlene Chernicky. Row 2: Jackie Szuhaj, Karen Yetsko, Denise Wright, Leslie Castel, Teresa Walls, Kathy Gallaher, Cathy Feathers, Carrie Lamar, Janice Fisher, Carol Teno, Bronwyn Skrack, Debbie Bathe, Sherry Latherow, Bonnie Hockrein, Jackie Penrod, Michele Koza, Dawn Barrett, Danelle Szuhaj, Mimi Yetsko, Barb Whitcomb, Linda Teno, Mr. Black—Advisor.



Above: The Stage Band plays the Christmas favorite, Leroy Anderson's famous "Sleigh Ride," during the Christmas Concert.

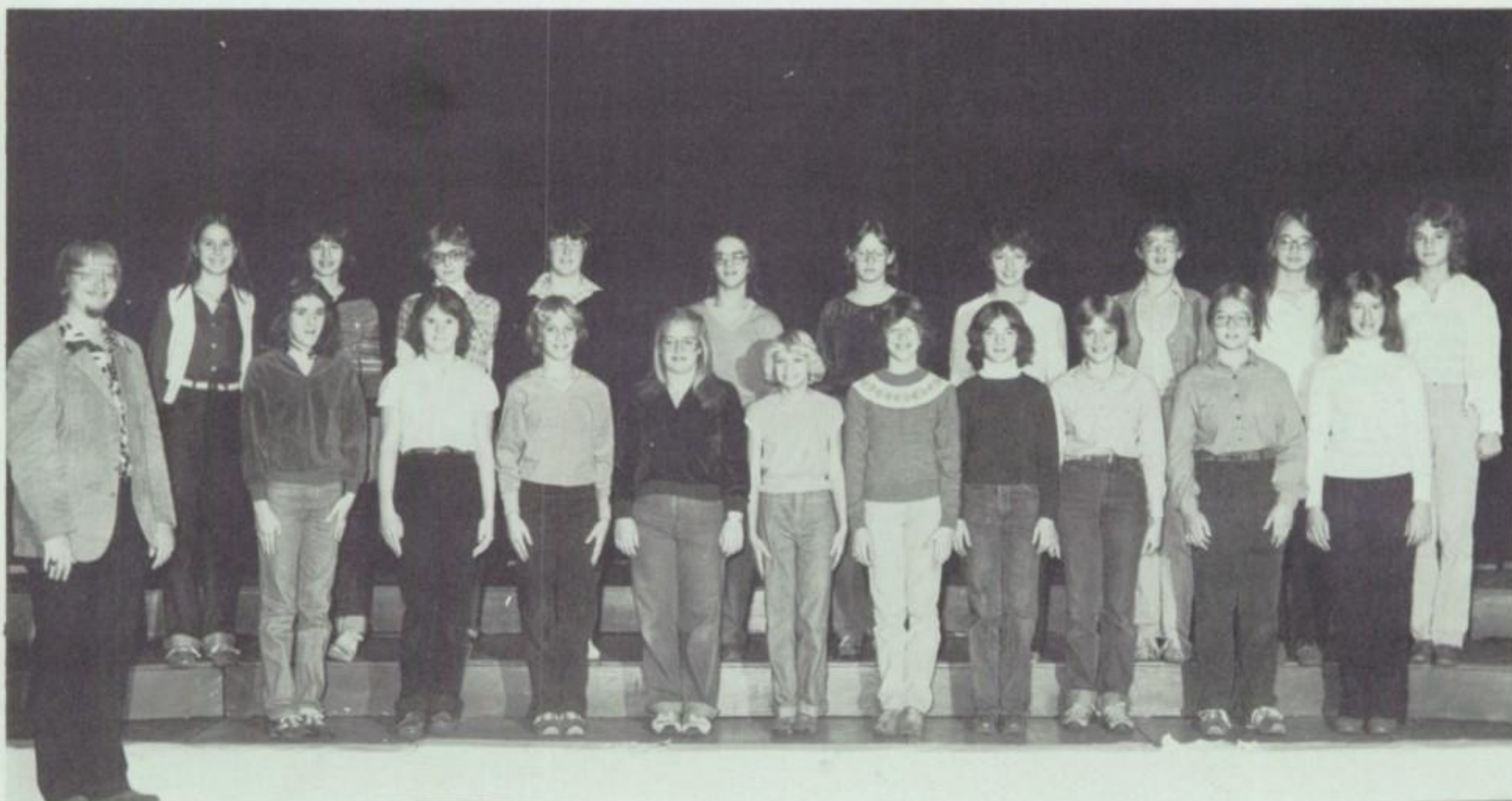
Stage Band, Girls Ensemble Accent Music Department

Two special musical groups enhance the Music Department at Portage Area High School. The Girls Ensemble with both a Senior High and a Junior High division are under the direction of Mr. Ron Black.

At the Christmas concert, the Senior High Girls Ensemble performed the selections "Christmas in the City," "December Child," "Sing Alleluia, Sing" and "The Gift." The Junior High Girls Ensemble, a newly organized group this year, sang "Long, Long Ago" and "Good News."

The Stage Band also spends much time in preparation for concert performances. They delighted their audience with three Christmas selections- "Christmas Medley," "Sleigh Ride," and "Have a Swingin' Christmas".

Both of these groups also performed at the annual Spring Concert.



JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS ENSEMBLE- Left to right, row 1: Lisa McLucas, Alisha Simala, Gayle Olszewski, Kim Sweeney, Renee Wilcox, Michelle Etienne, Brenda Koshak, Tammy Bloom, Lisa Sendzick, Shelly Benjack. Row 2; Sharon Grove, Yvette Benko, Shelly Olshavsky, Kerrie Bentley, Kathy Galla, Kim Thomas, Sheila Sharp, Marybeth Sigado, Jeanine Fedorko, Kathy Krisko.

Brenda Smith Elected 1980 Homecoming Queen

One of the highlights of every football season is the crowning of the annual football queen.

This year's queen was Brenda Smith, who was crowned by Peggy Borlie, the 1979 Portage Homecoming Queen. Brenda is active in many organizations at P.A.H.S. She is a member of the majorette squad, the National Honor Society, and the Ski Club.

Brenda, who was escorted by her father, was crowned as the 1980 Portage Area Football Queen on September 26, 1980, at the Portage versus Ligonier football game.



Top right: Brenda Smith, the 1980 Football Queen, beams with pride following her crowning. Above: Junior attendant Kelly Burket is escorted by her father Mr. Walter Burket. Bottom right: Sophomore attendant Paula Vancheri is escorted by Mr. Terry Blough.





Left: Beaming with pride and happiness, members of the 1980 Homecoming Court and their escorts are applauded following Brenda's coronation. Left to right: Carol Teno, Mr. Andrew Teno, Chris Borlie, Mr. Jim Borlie, Kathy DeMatteis, Mr. James DeMatteis, Peggy Borlie, Mr. Jerome Yetsko, and Kathy Gallaher. Foreground: the 1980 Homecoming Queen, Brenda Smith.



Left: Mr. Paul Smith proudly hugs his daughter Brenda after she was named the 1980 Homecoming Queen. Above: The 1980 Homecoming Court smiles for the spectators and photographers. Left to right: Peggy Borlie, 1979 Homecoming Queen, Mr. Jerome Yetsko, Kathy Gallaher, Mr. Martin Gallaher, Mr. Walter Burkett, and Kelly Burkett. Foreground: 1980 Homecoming Queen Brenda Smith and her father Mr. Paul Smith.



Right: Leslie Castel works on the layout of an issue of the Hilltop.



YEARBOOK AND NEWSPAPER STAFF-Left to Right, Row 1: Diane Wright, Jane Spaid, Debbie Gibson, Elaine Haney, Stacy Vickroy, Kathy Gallaher, Donna Cananvan, Michele Sigado. Row 2: Cathy Phillips, Chris Stombaugh, Kelly Burket, Dena Vrabel, Danelle Szuhaj, Teresa Walls, Debbie Trusick, Loretta Hollop, Anita Miller, Cathy Feathers. Row 3: Leslie Castel, Liz Troxell, Patty Oklamchak, Kim Klein, Pam Burkett, Marcie Knapko, Michele Koza, Jackie Penrod, Diane Beyer, Nancy Ritchey.



Journalism Class Produces Yearbook And Newspaper

The Yearbook and Newspaper Staffs were two of the busiest and hardworking groups of people at PAHS this year.

These groups devoted much time to planning the content of both the yearbook and the newspaper. Then, there were the countless hours spent gathering information, writing articles, arranging picture schedules, identifying people in pictures, drawing layouts, cropping pictures, and captioning pictures. When all this has been successfully accomplished, final pages had to be proofread to check for any errors.

The job is quite demanding, but the students enjoy working on both publications and find the end results to be quite rewarding.



Top: Kevin Chappell, Teresa Walls, Chris Stombaugh, and Leslie Castel work on putting together the layout of some of the pages of the Hilltop, the school newspaper. Above: "No, you don't mean it," exclaims a disbelieving Nancy Ritchey. "My cropper can't be upside down. I've only cropped 200 pictures this way!"

Below: N. H. S. OFFICERS—Left to right, Sonya Vargo-Secretary; Jim Hochrein-President; Lori Patney-Vice-President; Marty Kerch-Treasurer. Right: Liz Troxell, N. H. S. member, gives a speech at the N. H. S. Induction ceremony. Far right: National Honor Society Inductees hold lighted candles as they participate in the candlelight ceremony.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY—Left to right, row 1: Pam Wilcox, Sonya Vargo, Jim Hochrein, Lori Patney, Marty Kerch, Bob Stoke. Row 2: Cathy Feathers, Denise Latoche, Teresa Walls, Dena Vrabie, Francine Shuty, Renée Olszewski, Kirk Dividock. Row 3: Mrs. Castel—Advisor, Melinda Sossong, Bernie Gorba, Ron Petrunak, Dave Yetsko, Liz Troxell, Brenda Smith, Gary Boast, Mr. Nyeste—Principal.



N. H. S. Inducts 22 New Members

Twenty-two new members were inducted into the National Honor Society during annual induction ceremonies which were held in the PAHS Auditorium on the evening of December 15, 1980. Three seniors and nineteen juniors were initiated into this organization during an impressive candlelight induction ceremony.

In order to be eligible to become a member of the N. H. S., each of these students must excel in the areas of scholarship, leadership, character, and service.

Current N. H. S. members conducted the induction ceremony. Mr. A. J. Pelliccioni, IU8 Non-Public Coordinator, served as guest speaker. Inductees were called to the stage to receive their N. H. S. ribbon and membership pin and to sign the membership register. Then, they recited the N. H. S. pledge. After the induction ceremonies, the newly inducted members were honored with a reception in the high school cafeteria.

Mrs. Lorraine Castel is the N. H. S. adviser.



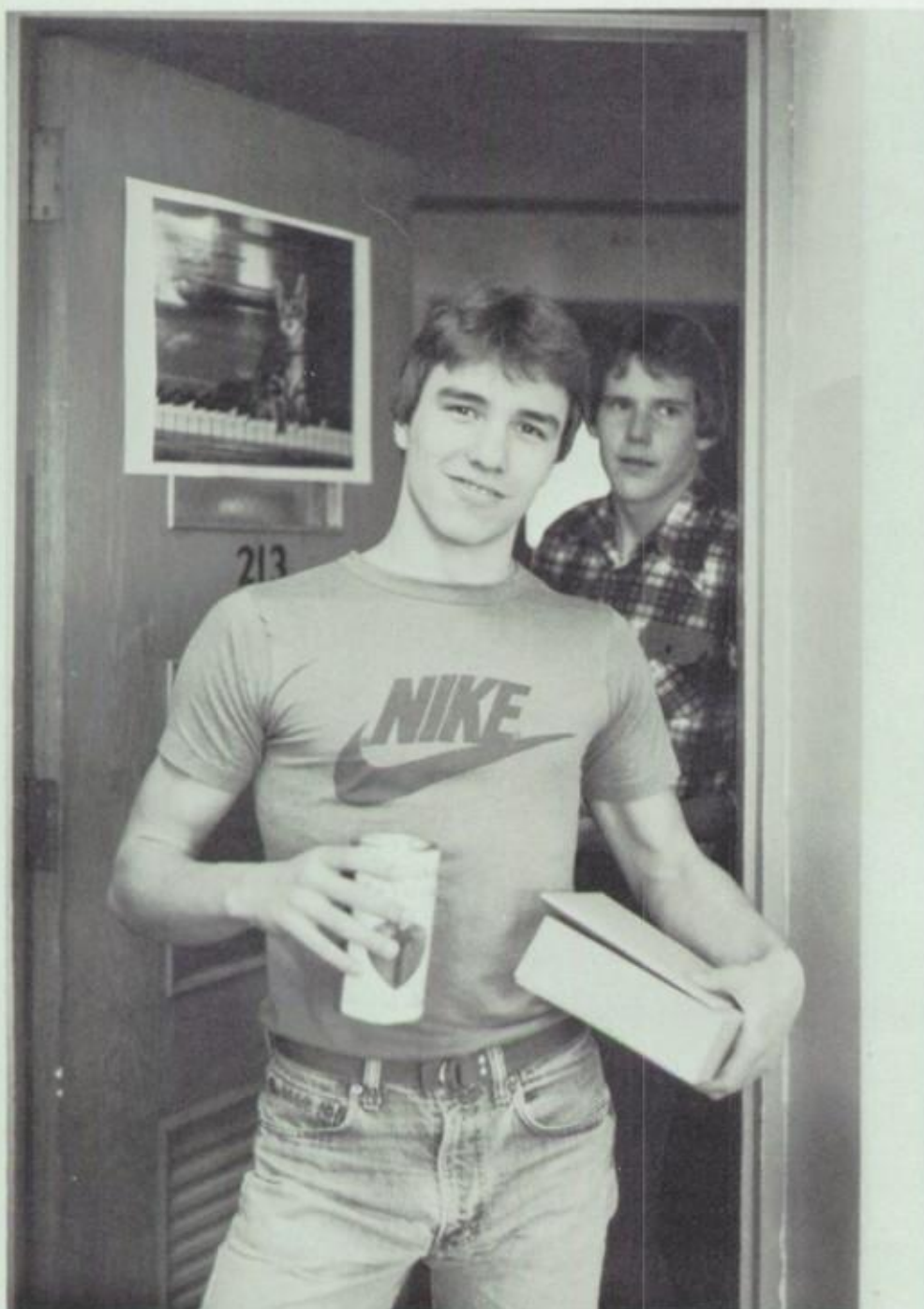
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES-Left to right, row 1: Janice Fisher, Jackie Penrod, Michele Koza, Amy Fox, Sue Jubara, Sue Mandichak
Row 2: Kim Klein, Mary Steback, Jean Stoke, Pam Parizak, Kathy Miller, Fran Williams, Tom Kosko, Troy Layo. Row 3: Mrs. Castel-adviser, Chris Borlie, Jackie Szuhaj, Jim Koban, Vic Delimata, Gary Murray, Ed Raptosh, Dennis Handel, Ed Wozniak, Mr. Nyeste-principal.



STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS—Left to right: Jim Hochrein—secretary; Barb Whitcomb—treasurer; Dave Yetsko—vice-president; absent, Kevin Chappell—president.



SENIOR HIGH STUDENT COUNCIL—Row 1: Lisa Markovich, Kathy Thomas, Sherry Latherow, Sue Ellis, Shari Davis, Bob Williams, Bryan Jubina. Row 2: Val Seder, Lisa Odenthal, Janice Fisher, Kim Klein, Troy Layo, Joe Kalinoski, Laurie Fedorko, Jackie Szuhaj. Row 3: Francine Shutty, Renee Olszewski, Danelle Szuhaj, Kathy Gallaher, Barb Whitcomb, Marianne Bandzuh, Jeff Sossong, Ed Layo, Jim Hochrein, Dave Yetsko. Standing: Mr. Nyeste—advisor.



Above: Student Council members Kevin Chappell and Dave Yetsko sold lollipops to benefit the Heart Fund.

Student Council Represents PAHS Student Body

Student Council is a service organization which represents the student body at PAHS. Their primary concern is taking care of any problems among members of the student body.

Student Council representatives took care of registration for Open House in November and sponsored a lollipop sale for the benefit of the Heart Fund. They also hosted the annual Student Council Dance.

The Student Council has also "adopted" a child from Jolo, Sulu in the Phillippines. The foster child is Hajya Jaud who received a check from the PAHS Student Council. This check was used to help to pay for her schooling.

The Student Council also participated in the Student Forum program. At the monthly Student Forum meetings, Student Council members from area schools met in an effort to improve communications between schools, administrators, and students. This year's representatives to Student Forum were Danelle Szuhaj and Kim Klein.

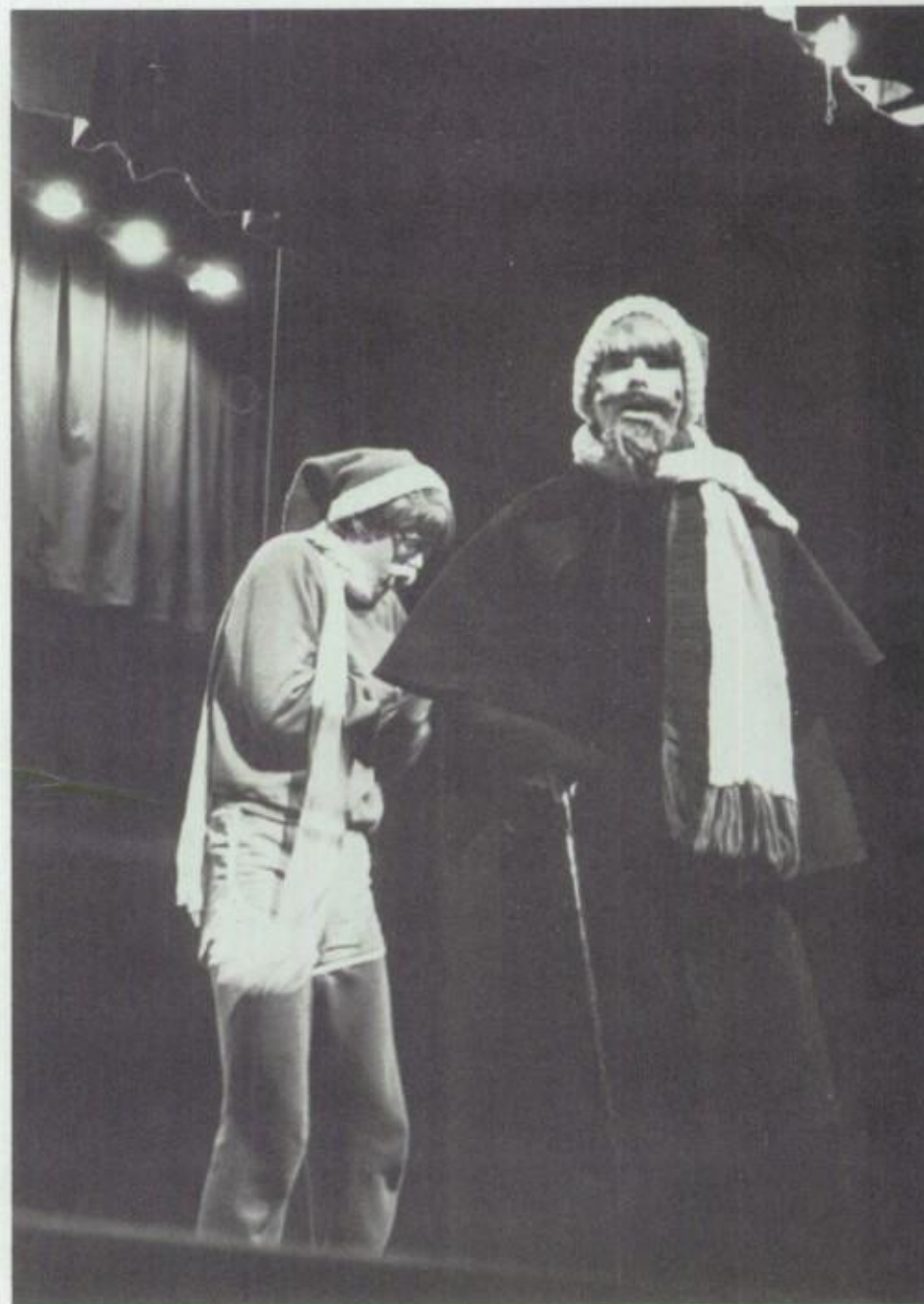


JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT COUNCIL—Left to right, row 1: Theresa Rudolph, Debbie Zock, Dana Moyer, Shelly Maul, Heather Burns, Richard Cordek. Row 2: Lisa Sendzik, Kim Sweeney, Janae Plummer, Dawn Fetsko, Cheri Hopper, Tony Letzo, Mr. Nyeste—adviser. Row 3: Ryan Glista, Debbie Koza, Doug Pauley.

RIGHT: Johnny (Fred Gray) listens as Scrooge (Henry Law) tries to sell him a ticket to see the Babe of Bethlehem. Far right: The three Wise Men (Bob Williams, Barb Whitcomb and Jeff Michaels) encounter the Searchers on their way to give gifts to the newborn Savior.



Above: In the toyshop, the baby doll (Theresa Rudolph) does a dance while other members of the scene look on. **Right:** Scrooge (Henry Law) ponders how to get Frosty's (Jim Hochrein) hat while the Grinch (Carl Richardson) is freezing.





Drama Club Presents "A Christmas Search"

On December 18 and 19, 1980, the Portage High School Drama Club presented *The Christmas Search*, an original drama written by Portage Senior English teacher Fred A. Vrabel.

The theme of the play centers around such popular characters as Frosty the Snowman, the Grinch, Tannebaum the Christmas Tree, Suzy Snowflake, Scrooge, Christmas Toys, and Santa Claus. These Christmas characters aid Johnny, the Little Drummer Boy, in his search for the true meaning of Christmas.

Johnny's search ends when he arrives at a cave in Bethlehem where he sees the newborn Christ child. He discovers that the true meaning of Christmas involves a spirit of giving to others.



DRAMA CLUB—Left to right, row 1: Wendi Hazlett, Kathy Gallaher, Todd Shoff, Rick Schall, Val Seder, Charlie Adams, Suzi Lutz, Dana Moyer, Row 2: Lisa McCabe, Chris Fuzie, Kristy Zabrosky, Karen Zock, Kathy Koshak, Michele Koza, Jeff Michaels, Charlene Chernicky, Barb Whitcomb, Mary Kuchera, Sondi Wilson, Stacy Vickroy, Fred Gray. Row 3: Dawn Pimento, Samantha Jones, Ann Zock, Bob Williams, Marg Sigado, Michele Sigado, Lisa Ritchey, Karen Yetsko, Gary Boast, Jim Hochrein, Henry Law, Ed Miller, Dawn Barrett, Kelly Andrews, Bob Adams.

PAHS Clubs Offer Varied Opportunities

Portage Area High School offers a variety of clubs for students to join. These clubs appeal to numerous student interests.

The Ag Club begins its activities each with with its annual cider sale. This group also planned an activity for the end of the year. Mr. Benko is the adviser.

The Bowling Club, advised by Mr. Ronan, meets every Thursday evening at 4 p.m. at the Hi-Way Lanes for two hours of bowling. Students who bowl get a chance to improve their bowling skills.

The FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) is under the direction of Mr. Holtz. It is a national organization which emphasizes the importance of developing business skills.

The Ski Club skis at Blue Knob on Wednesdays in January. These avid skiers depart from PAHS by bus at 4 p.m. and ski until the slopes close at 10 p.m. Mr. Benko and Mr. Gruss are the advisers.



AG CLUB—Left to right, row 1: Charlie Adams, Jeff Michaels, Terri Wytosick, Diane Wright, Lance Benko, Ed Miller. Row 2: Natalie Morgan, Bernadette Kostan, Francine Shutty, Tracy Ellis, Barb Whitcomb, Linda Teno, Charlene Chernicky, Nancy Chobany, Chris Stombaugh. Row 3: Sonya Vargo, Patty Pohopin, Sue Ellis, Brenda Reed, Renee Olszewski, Teresa Walls, Dena Vrabel, Elizabeth Troxell, Cathy Phillips, Danelle Szuhaj. Row 4: Wayne McQuillen, Dave Yetsko, Gary Murray, Marianne Bandzuh, Jim Hochrein, Patty Oklamchak, Missy Neilson, Jackie Szuhaj, Mr. Benko—adviser.



SKI CLUB—Left to right, row 1: Lori Patney, Charlene Chernicky, Mike Diehl, Ed Layo, Kyle Leslie, Bob Thompson, Debbie Pauley, Brenda Smith, Jeff Michaels, Kelly Burket, Elaine Lucas, Todd Shoff, Charlie Adams, Val Seder. Row 2: Eric Schall, Ed Miller, Bill Caldwell, Kirk Dividock, Lin Sossong, Ray Scarton, Bob Tavernini, Marty Kerch, Rick Booth, Craig Zaman, Mimi Yetsko, Kathy Miller, Trisha Stager. Row 3: Laura Tavernini, Lisa Walters, Mike Kearney, Jim Hochrein, Steve Fedorko, Chris Grecek, Patty Pohopin, Leslie Castel, Kim Klein, Vic Delimata, Troy Layo, Fran Williams, Tom Kosko, Ed Raptosh. Row 4: Lance Benko, Alan Scarton, Bryan Jubina, Mike Makosky, Lisa Odenthal, Kelly McCabe, Debbie Rorabaugh, Annette Gossard, Kevin Lazor, Robert Kelly, Ed Myers, Bob Gahagen, Billy Corrente. Row 5: Robin Thomas, Carol Teno, Bonnie Hochrein, Wendy Hazlett, Susan Lutz, Joe Kalinoski, Bob Adams, Paula Vancheri, Steve Krisko, Mary Kalinoski, Wayne McQuillen, Diane Wright, Missy Neilson, Chris Fuzie. Row 6: Patty Gallaher, Kim Foreman, Ryan Pauley, Chuck Serenko, Karen Gossard, Terrie Chappell, Shari Davis, Robyn Adams, Denise Wright, Mary Kuchera, Bob Williams, Karen Yetsko. Row 7: Carol Pisarski, Missy Crum, Diane Rorabaugh, Val Sabala, Janae Plummer, Carrie Bentley, Jilann Anderson, Denise Stoker, Vanessa Sabala, Kim Sweeney, Renee Smith, Nancy Hodgson. Row 8: Melanie Chobany, Jeanine Fedorko, Ray Foreman, Jeff Plummer, Tracy McVicker, Joe Krisko, Doug Redfern, Mike Solarczyk, Keith Kearney, Missy McQuillen, Karie McKenney, Cindy Baughman, Sherri Harlin.



FBLA—Left to right, row 1: Mr. Holtz-adviser, Amy Fox, Donna Canavan, Sonya Vargo, Charlene Chernicky, Linda Teno, Debbie Batche, Barb Whitcomb, Brenda Smith, Pam Wilcox, Annette Scoran, Carol Yogus, Angie George, Chris Kissell. Row 2: Jean Stoke, Kathy Zatek, Lori Crum, Kathy DeMatteis, Cathy Feathers, Anita Miller, Elaine Haney, Pam Burkett, Denise Latoche, Debbie Gibbson, Sue Hopper, Lori Pollock, Jane Spaid, Chris Stombaugh. Row 3: Barb Weaver, Carrie Lamar, Tina Lafferty, Loretta Hollop, Pam Parizack, Kelly Miller, Diane Wright, Terri Wytosick, Janice Fisher, Kathy Koshak, Sherri Smith, Jennifer Smith, Lisa Lamar, Kerry McCarty. Row 4: Karie McKinney, Ann Zock, Kathy Thomas, Teresa Feathers, Alice Gressick, Kim Popchak, Carol Teno, Sherry Latherow, Sue Jubara, Brenda Panick, Sue Kline, Debbye Bauer, Linda Gray, Sarah Krull. Row 5: Sherry Baughn, Sandy Causer, Diane Vermeulin, Kim Robine, Elizabeth Poorman, Rhonda Saulsbury, Cathy Walters, Becky Harrison, Judy Letzo, Karen Galla, Becky O'Shaben, Patty Roush, Kim Foreman, Donna Chappell.



BOWLING CLUB: Left to right, row 1: Brett Randall, Vince Rylke, Mark Crum, Tim Price, Vic Delimata, Dave Rocker, Rich Rylke, Tony Letzo, Joe Kuisick, Mike Pinos, Wayne McQuillen, Gary Murray, Stacy Vickroy, Lisa Diehl. Row 2: Lisa Stager, Alicia Simala, Sherry McCarthy, Elizabeth Selepack, Kelly Miller, Natalie Morgan, Shelly Shoff, Jim Nelson, Bob Shaw, Greg Letzo, Bob George, Mike Galla, Jeff Kissell, John Shuty. Row 3: Jimmy Garris, Bruce Onder, Brian Jubina, Missy McQuillen, Michelle Noble, Debbie Koza, Cathy Walters, Jill Crum, Shelly Benjack, Paula Secrisky, Robyn Adams, Bonnie Michrina, Lori Wolford, Barb Myers, John Leturgey, Ray Behe, Ron Kuntz, Rick Vermeulin, Tim Riskus, Bill Gordon, Ronny Smith, Michele Irwin.

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Alma Mater, Alma Mater, Voices sing of Thee,
Sing of Victories in the Past,
Sing of Memories that Last:
Nestled in the Alleghenies,
Guarded by God's own Hand,
Alma Mater, Alma Mater, Greatest in the Land
For Green and White, our colors true . . .
HAIL, ALL HAIL, TO YOU.



In retrospect, the 1980-81 school year was indeed a unique experience for all who were a part of it. We cannot relive those experiences, for they are part of the past. We can only remember them.

Each student spent countless hours in the classroom trying to master the content of his academic courses. This does not include the hours which students spent studying, doing homework, or completing a research paper. Students had the opportunity to master the basics of our language and to improve their communications skills. They also study history and government and learn various scientific and mathematical principles in addition to studying other curricula.

By participating in the clubs, organizations and activities offered at P.A.H.S., students become involved in experiences which they may not be able to share following their gradu-

ation. These extra-curricular activities afford students with opportunities which may indeed occur only once in their lifetimes.

Through participation in sports, students learned the value of teamwork, self-discipline, and cooperation. They experienced the jubilation of a victory and the despair of a defeat. These experiences often are indeed once in a life time happenings.

No matter what facet of the 1980-81 school year is examined, it can readily be agreed that it is indeed true that this school term provided experiences which are unique. We shall always remember all of the things which have made this year special, but it is certain that "we shall pass this way but once."

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